

At Geneva reconciliation conference Damascus steps up pressure on Beirut

GENEVA. — Syria stepped up pressure on the government of President Amin Jemayel to renounce the troop withdrawal pact with Israel as a first step towards reconciling Lebanon's warring factions.

Sources close to the National Reconciliation Conference said Syrian Foreign Minister Abdel-Halim Khaddam denounced the May 17 accord before meeting Jemayel privately after the two-hour morning session (photo, page 2).

Beirut Radio said Jemayel tried to convince Khaddam to shift the emphasis of the long-delayed meeting away from the troop accord towards constitutional reforms and the broader issue of removing both Syrian and Palestinian forces from his embattled country.

There was no official announcement after the lunchtime session, but pro-government Christian Phalangist adviser Alfred Madi described it as a "good" meeting.

Despite the Syrian pressure, pro-government delegates offered constitutional reforms and appealed for national unity to end Lebanon's eight years of civil strife.

"We meet as a national dialogue committee with only one of two options before us," said Saeb Salam, former Lebanese prime minister, "that a unified Lebanon either he or not be."

In yesterday's two-hour session,

the first to tackle the substance of the Lebanese conflict, Khaddam said Israel wanted to use the agreement to put political pressure on Beirut, conference sources said.

Nabi Berri, leader of the Shi'ite militia Amal and an ally of the opposition front, demanded the cancellation of the Israeli accord, they said.

Walid Jumblatt, the Druze leader whose fighters led anti-government forces in the September mountain war, did not make a speech but interrupted once to challenge the government's right to retain foreign forces in Lebanon.

Camille Chamoun, co-president of the main Christian bloc, the Lebanese Front, offered a 12-point plan for Lebanon including "abolition of sectarianism from jobs" and implementation of a strict merit system for the civil service.

But the plan, submitted in the name of the Lebanese Front called for "preserving equality (among the religious sects) in top-level positions."

A Chamoun aide indicated this meant continuing the practice of assigning cabinet level posts according to religious affiliation. Such changes would reform, but not abolish, the sectarian-based system of allocating leadership positions which has been in effect in Lebanon since 1943. (AP, Reuters)



Jerusalem's first test-tube baby photographed shortly after her birth at Hadassah Hospital yesterday. (Ronny Na'aman)

Capital's first test-tube baby

Jerusalem's first test-tube baby, a girl weighing 2.7 kilograms, was born to a 35-year-old woman by Caesarean delivery yesterday at the Hadassah Hospital in Ein Kerem.

The mother had received unsuccessful hormonal treatment at several hospitals for blocked Fallopian tubes that had prevented pregnancy. Surgery two years ago also failed to solve the problem. She

then went to the Hadassah Fertility Centre, headed by Prof. Josef Shenkar, where in-vitro (outside the womb) fertilization of her egg and her husband's sperm was achieved. The growing embryo was then transferred to her uterus.

The mother was born in Germany and was brought to Israel as an infant in 1949. She married a Soviet immigrant four years ago.

Gloomy export picture given to Knesset economic unit

By ASHER WALLFISH
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The Knesset Economic Committee got a gloomy picture of Israel's balance of trade yesterday from senior officials of the Ministry of Trade and Industry and the Foreign Ministry.

Between 1975 and 1980, the deficit in the balance of trade with the European Common Market fell as low as \$520 million annually. But in 1981 and 1982, it expanded to \$1.2 billion, according to Moshe Semadar, deputy director-general of the Ministry of Trade and Industry.

Israeli exports failed to compete in Europe during the past three years, Semadar complained, because of the unrealistic exchange rate of the shekel vis-à-vis the Euro-

pean currencies fixed by Treasury policy.

Semadar and Elyashiv Ben-Horin, deputy director general of the Foreign Ministry, said the war in Lebanon held up crucial negotiations between Israel and the Market.

They also warned that in 1985, when the customs exemptions granted to certain Israeli exports by the U.S. are due to be cancelled, some 80 per cent of Israeli exports to the U.S. would become less competitive.

When Spain enters the Market, they warned, Israeli farm exports would be hit hard. Ben-Horin said Israeli firms in Nigeria are carrying out contracts worth \$500m. at present.

Troops, students clash at Bethlehem campus

By DAVID RICHARDSON
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Catholic University of Bethlehem was surrounded by Israeli forces yesterday after a violent clash between students and soldiers.

Elsewhere on the West Bank, two refugee camps were under curfew and security forces prepared themselves for anticipated unrest today, the anniversary of the 1917 Balfour Declaration.

The University campus was surrounded about mid-morning after students raised the Palestinian Liberation Organization flag and began to hurl rocks at passersby and soldiers gathering nearby. When the students began to approach Manger Road, the soldiers used tear gas to force them back inside. The campus

was declared a "closed military area" and a curfew was imposed on the immediate vicinity.

Brother Thomas Scanlan, vice-chancellor of the Vatican-administered university, said last night about 350 students out of the total student body of 1,200 were trapped inside the campus and only released in small groups towards evening. A few students were detained during the morning clashes. Those released last night had their names and identity card numbers taken by the soldiers.

The students were protesting against the continued detention of eight members of their student council who were arrested 10 days ago in connection with Palestinian folklore exhibition on the campus.

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Mapam leaves Alignment in Tel Aviv

By MICHAEL YUDELMAN
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TEL AVIV. — The Alignment faction in Tel Aviv officially split yesterday, with Mapam's final decision not to join the city council coalition formed by Mayor Shlomo Lahat and unsuccessful Labour mayoral candidate Dov Ben-Meir. Mapam has one seat on the council.

Mapam circles said yesterday that the breaking up of the Alignment in Tel Aviv will affect national politics as well as the mayoral runoff elections in 34 localities next Tuesday. The Labour factions in Tel Aviv is now left with eight council seats.

"Negotiations for the coalition between Lahat and Ben-Meir were conducted secretly without consulting Mapam whose members were notified only after the agreement was made," a Mapam spokeswoman said yesterday. The party accepted council member Arye Zucker's suggestion to leave the Alignment over this issue.

Ben-Meir wanted to appear before Mapam's leadership committee in a last-ditch effort to persuade the faction to stay in the Alignment and join the coalition. However, Mapam's Tel Aviv secretary Haim Sebori rejected Ben-Meir's request to speak.

100 shekels to the dollar on black market

By ROBERT ROSENBERG
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The day the banks closed their foreign currency faucets, the shekel was worth about a U.S. penny but very few were selling dollars, staring glumly instead at stacks of shekels.

In the Arab money changers market in East Jerusalem, the shekels sat in safes, and the money changers refused to sell dollars. "We have too many shekels as it is," said one. Another, near Damascus Gate in the Old City, said that with all the uncertainty "it would have been better if I had taken my Christmas vacation this week."

In Mea She'arim, the dollar rose to 100 and 110 shekels. Along Rehov Mea She'arim, one could get offers to buy — and sell — dollars at rates up to 25 shekels a dollar more than the Bank of Israel rate.

And on Tel Aviv's Rehov Lilienblum, where in the days of strict currency regulations the black



A money changer in Tel Aviv's Rehov Lilienblum yesterday takes cash out of his attache case while a customer looks on. (IPPA)

Reserves shrink by \$176m. in October Massive shekel printing will force budget cuts

By AVI TEMKIN
Post Economic Reporter

Israel's foreign currency reserves fell by a record \$176 million (\$15 billion) during October, the Bank of Israel reported yesterday.

In the course of the month the government printed an unprecedented IS31b. in bank notes, of which some IS26.5b. was used to purchase bank shares under the government's agreement with the major banks.

Since the start of the fiscal year in April, the government has printed some IS72b. Thus, in the first half of the 1983-84 fiscal year, the Treasury has already printed IS2b. more than it intended to print in the entire fiscal year.

The Treasury argued yesterday, however, that the true monetary injection last month was "only IS4.5b." not IS31b. The ministry was separating the IS26.5b. it injected into the bank shares from the IS4.5b. used for other purposes.

It conceded, however, that "despite the small monetary injection there is a need for the immediate implementation of a large cut in government spending in the coming months."

Officials admitted that this cut, as part of a stringent monetary policy, would probably aggravate firms' liquidity problems, cause a large rise in unemployment and a fall in production levels. They stressed, however, that such a policy was the only solution to the country's economic problems.

Despite the Treasury's explanations as to the reasons for the size of the October monetary injection, Bank of Israel officials were united in the view that the injection constituted a virtual flood. They pointed out that the majority of the sum printed was probably used by the public to purchase dollars.

The central bank would not state the exact amount of foreign currency purchased by the public in October, but estimates have put the figure at between \$150m. and \$200m.

The \$176m. fall in reserves constituted the fourth consecutive monthly fall in their level. At the end of April, the country's foreign currency reserves stood at some \$3.2b. Since then they have fallen by some \$420m. to a total at the end of October of \$2.8b.

Bank of Israel observers said the publication of these reserve figures showed how strongly the bank felt about the need for an immediate cut

in the government budget. "Had the bank chosen to conceal the true level of the reserves it could easily have done so by taking overnight loans abroad," they said.

"This was common practice some months ago, and there would have been no problem had the bank chosen to repeat the operation at the end of October," they added.

Bank of Israel officials later confirmed this observation, stating that the bank did indeed want to alert the government and the public to its view that immediate measures must be taken.

Central bank officials said they would force the government authorities to follow a very restrictive monetary policy in the coming months. Commercial banks will find it difficult to grant credit to the public since monetary loans from the Bank of Israel to the banking system will be reduced by some IS10b. in the next few days. In addition, officials said, it has been recommended that the commercial banks raise the interest rates on overdrafts by some 25 per cent.

Despite this, the officials said that interest rates in the economy over the next few months would still be lower than the rate of inflation, since price increases were expected to be in the region of 15 to 20 per cent.

Rush for \$ loopholes predicted

By AVI TEMKIN
Post Economic Reporter

Massive exploitation of legal loopholes in foreign currency regulations and widespread black market activities are forecast almost unanimously by politicians and government and private financial observers commenting on restrictions on the purchase of foreign currency imposed by the Treasury late Monday night.

Members of the Knesset Finance Committee were yesterday convinced that the Treasury and the Bank of Israel will be almost unable to enforce the foreign currency regulations, and that the public will take full advantage of every loophole.

The Bank of Israel announced yesterday it has asked police and Attorney-General Yitzhak Zamir to take all necessary steps to uphold the new measure. The bank has said that it lacks the tools for enforcement, and that the task should be given to the police.

According to the new regulations, Israelis are barred from buying foreign exchange in cash. Only those Israelis going abroad will be able to purchase up to \$3,000 for travel purposes, of which \$500 may be in cash and \$2,500 in travellers cheques.

Travellers will have to present their tickets and passport to the bank selling them foreign currency.

The bank clerk will then record the amount purchased and the date on the back of the ticket and will sign it. The purchase will also be recorded in the passport.

Persons buying goods and services abroad on a "personal import" basis will still be able to purchase the needed foreign currency but will be required to present import documents.

Finance Minister Yigal Cohen-Orgad appeared yesterday before the Knesset Finance Committee to explain his decision. Cohen-Orgad said that the step was meant to be temporary, stressing the action was caused by the "disturbances" in the monetary system caused by the public's purchase of foreign currency.

According to Cohen-Orgad, the large amounts of foreign currency held in travellers cheques is, in effect, credit extended to foreign banks. The money, whether in cash or in travellers cheques, earns no interest, and the losses incurred are large, he said.

Cohen-Orgad's decision was generally received with little opposition, except for MK Yitzhak Zeiger (Likud-Liberals) who attacked it and demanded an urgent meeting of the Liberal Party. Other leading Liberals, such as MK Dan Tichon, tended to support the measure, but insisted that it should be temporary, and that the previous

situation should be restored when the capital market is stabilized.

The Alignment claimed Cohen-Orgad's step was the end of the liberalization introduced by the Likud in 1977 and a confession of failure. Adiel Amoral, head of the Alignment faction on the Finance Committee, strongly attacked the government and said that the measure was taken too late.

Some committee members expressed fears of extensive black market activities. MK Yigal Cohen, the new head of the Likud faction in the committee, even proposed to cut the amount allocated to travellers to \$1,500. This proposal upset some committee members, who demanded that the meeting be declared secret.

MK Haim Rimon (Alignment) accused the Treasury of taking only half-measures. The controls will only encourage black market activities, and exploitation of loopholes will be so extensive that in two weeks new steps will have to be taken, he warned.

Some committee members warned that in the coming months, exporters will be encouraged not to bring the revenue from sales abroad back to the country. Others expressed the fear that in some extreme cases, the government will even be forced to "manipulate the black market rate."

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Israel threat to seal Awali river crossings

By DAVID LANDAU
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Israel will consider sealing off the Awali River line if the Lebanon-Israel withdrawal agreement is abrogated at the national reconciliation talks in Geneva. This was the message conveyed yesterday to a visiting British minister by senior Israeli officials.

Deputy Foreign Minister Yehuda Ben-Meir and Director-General David Kimche told Richard Luce, minister of state at the Foreign Office, that Geneva was a crucial test "of whether Lebanon will retain its independence as a sovereign state."

So far, the Israeli officials noted, the Lebanese had withstood Syrian pressures to scrap the agreement, signed in May after lengthy negotiations. But if the Lebanese caved in, Israel would not passively agree to the annulment of the agreement.

In addition to the annulment, the Israelis said, Syria was seeking at Geneva the dismissal of Lebanese Prime Minister Shafik Wazzan and his replacement by a more pro-Syrian figure.

The Israeli officials said the Awali crossing-points posed a dilemma for Jerusalem. "There were serious reasons of security for sealing them off. But the government until now had been prepared to take the security risk because it knew that closure would be interpreted in Beirut as a move towards de facto partition. This would embarrass the Jemayel government and other moderate forces."

Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir stressed to Luce, at a separate meeting, that longstanding Syrian aspirations to achieve the dream of "Greater Syria" were the main

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Eagleburger here for talks

U.S. Undersecretary of State Lawrence Eagleburger arrived yesterday for talks with Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir and other officials. The visit is expected to lead to closer U.S.-Israel cooperation on Lebanon and other Mideast issues.

Eagleburger was met at Ben-Gurion Airport by Foreign Ministry Director-General David Kimche and by U.S. Ambassador Samuel Lewis. He is to meet with Shamir

and Foreign Ministry officials today.

Eagleburger told reporters he had "come to continue the talks we began earlier this year... on international matters and subjects of bilateral interest between our two countries or those in which our countries are involved."

He is also to meet Defence Minister Moshe Arens in Tel Aviv tomorrow and tour the West Bank before leaving Israel on Saturday.

Cruise missile 'equipment' arrives at air base in UK

GREENHAM COMMON, ENGLAND (AP). — A U.S. military transport plane landed at the U.S. Air Force base here yesterday, under extremely tight security. Anti-nuclear activists, convinced it carried the first cruise missiles to be deployed in Europe, rushed to the base's perimeter fence shouting anti-nuclear slogans.

In London, Defence Secretary Michael Heseltine told Parliament the plane carried "equipment" connected with missile deployment. He did not elaborate.

A day earlier, Heseltine promised lawmakers he would tell them when the missiles arrive. He added that

missile launchers — but not the missiles themselves — would be arriving "shortly" at Greenham Common as part of a steady build-up toward making the first missiles operational by December 31.

"I have nothing further to add to what I told the House (of Commons) yesterday," Heseltine said, "except that one American aircraft carrying equipment landed this morning."

The four-engine Galaxy C-5A transport, the largest in the U.S. Air Force inventory, touched down in mid-morning at this air base 80 kilometres west of London.

Earlier in the day, six truckloads of paratroopers arrived at the base to reinforce heavy police and British Army patrols along the perimeter fence.

The Soviet Union was quick to note the reported arrival of the first U.S. cruise missiles in Britain and stressed that their planned deployment "causes the deep alarm of the British public."

The official news agency Tass, in a brief dispatch from London, quoted a news report by Independent Television News as the basis for its assertion that "the first batch of American cruise missiles has been delivered" to the Greenham Common airbase.

Radio Moscow, in English-language news broadcasts, charged that a vote in the British Parliament on Monday night in favour of the missile deployment took place "in disregard of the will of the British people." (Earlier story, Page 4)

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Treasury spends \$50m. supporting bank shares

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Treasury's intervention in the buying of bank shares totalled some \$50 million yesterday, and those bank shares covered by the government agreement were purchased at unchanged price levels. (See Stock story, Page 7)

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Nabatieh	11-28	29
Safad	11-23	24
Haifa Port	19-29	30
Tiberias	14-29	30
Maronith	10-30	30
Afula	10-30	30
Shomron	15-26	26
Tel Aviv	15-28	30
B-G Airport	13-31	31
Jericho	13-32	32
Gaza	16-25	27
Beer-sheva	19-30	31
Eilat	17-32	33

SOCIAL & PERSONAL

Prof. Kalman Mann will speak on "Problems of the Aged in Jerusalem" at the weekly meeting of Jerusalem Rotary Club at 1 p.m. in YMCA today.

The Haifa Rotary Club will hold a business meeting at the Nof Hotel, 1 p.m. today.

ARRIVALS

Charlotte Jacobson, national president of the Jewish National Fund of America for matters relating to Keren Kayemet Leisrael, Soviet Jewry and the inauguration of the Senator Henry M. Jackson Memorial Forest.

UK historian: Soviet Jewry must remain on the agenda

Jerusalem Post Reporter
HERZLIYA. — British historian Martin Gilbert urged Monday night that the plight of Soviet Jewry be kept on the international agenda, so that when East-West relations thaw, the problem can be tackled by the superpowers.

Speaking at the first public meeting of the Israeli 35 Group campaign for Soviet Jewry at the home of Suzy and Abba Ehan, Gilbert stressed the importance of writing letters to "refuseniks" who are subjected to daily harassment. These letters were a main source of encouragement for them, he said. He himself had received during the past few months 80 replies to the 140 letters which he had written to emigration activists in the Soviet Union.

Gilbert suggested a possible "first in — first out" approach, once the Soviet authorities again allow a larger number of Jews to emigrate. "Refuseniks" whose exit visa applications had been rejected for 10 years would be among the first to be allowed to leave, he proposed.

The meeting was chaired by Doreen Gainsford, a recent immigrant who was among the founding members of the original 35 Group in Great Britain. Many of the 140 people at the meeting have adopted a Soviet Jewish family and have sent Hanukkah gift parcels to them.

BEIRUT VISIT. — Italian President Sandro Pertini, 87, will visit Beirut on Friday to celebrate Italian Armed Forces Day with the Italian contingent in the four-nation peacekeeping force in Lebanon, a presidential palace spokesman said yesterday.



Actor Robert Mitchum, at left, who plays the lead role in the Winds of War television series, is greeted at Ben-Gurion Airport yesterday by Yitzhak Kol, head of the film company that is producing The Ambassador in which Mitchum appears. The film will be shot in Israel in the coming weeks.

HOME AND WORLD NEWS

Shostak tells why kin are kept in the dark

By ARYEH RUBINSTEIN
Post Knesset Reporter
Alignment MK Shlomo Hillel submitted a parliamentary question to Health Minister Eliezer Shostak last June 19, about the ministry's refusal to show relevant documents to the families of patients who complain of improper treatment.

Shostak said yesterday that the findings of the medical committees he appoints to examine such complaints are made known to the complainant.

"However," he added, "until the judicial proceedings have ended,

fragmented information which might interfere with the proceedings or be harmful to the doctor should not be transmitted."

Hillel, in a supplementary question, said: "But that's exactly when he needs it, when the litigation is in progress, and the situation is that one side has access to the restricted material and the other side has nothing."

Shostak: "Even in the early stages, requests for examining the material are discussed between us and the Justice Ministry. If possible, we permit examination of the material even then..."

Hillel: "But only one side sees it!"
Shostak: "The complainant sees it. In general, he sees it. Sometimes at the time of the preliminary clarification — not when the material has already been examined — he cannot be shown the material."

"After many discussions with the police and the Justice Ministry, we have now found some sort of way of permitting the material to be examined in most cases. We refuse only in cases where particular damage might be caused to one side," Shostak said.

Hillel, in his original question,

cited a case in which the Haifa District Court ordered the Health Ministry to permit the complainant to examine the ministry's files on its investigation of her case. The District Court judge then quoted the Supreme Court as follows: "It would be in order to ask what is the authority in law that denies a complainant the right to examine material in which he has a legitimate interest. All this secrecy, which erects a wall and spreads a curtain between the government and the citizen, has no place in proper administration in a free society."

No good reason to return the old Hebron bus station

"It is hard to see any point in restoring the Hebron bus station to its former site, which is unsuitable from a transportation point of view and dangerous from a security point of view," the state attorney's office declared in an affidavit submitted yesterday to the High Court.

The state attorney's office was responding to a petition to the court by the Hebron United National Bus Company and the Moslem waqf (religious properties administration)

against the seizure of the station by the military authorities.

The state attorney's affidavit declared that even though the Jewish-owned lots on which the station stands may some day be part of the restoration and resettlement of Jewish properties in Hebron, at present the station is being held by the military solely to protect security and public order.

The affidavit, prepared by Attorney Renato Jarsch, notes that

about 90 per cent of the station grounds' five dunams are on two parcels owned by Jews, and registered in the name of Yusuf Schneiron. The bus company has no special claim or rights to them, it adds.

The affidavit notes that the station has been relocated to a site near the Machpela Cave. The new station is larger than the old one, is close to commercial and residential centers and can be expanded in the

future without affecting the quality of the environment.

The State attorney's statement also notes that the former mayor of Hebron, Fakh Kawasme, had often asked to have the station moved to a more suitable location.

Noting that security considerations stood behind the seizure of the station, and that those considerations are still valid today, the state attorney asked that the petitioners' application be rejected. (Itim)

IDF officers jailed after leading convoy into Nabatiye

Jerusalem Post Staff
NABATIYE. — Several Israel Defence Forces officers who violated orders and led an IDF convoy into this Southern Lebanese town during Shi'ite Ashura ceremonies last month have been court-martialed and sentenced to jail terms, a reliable source told The Jerusalem Post on Monday night.

The Ashura ceremonies, which include self-flagellation, are the holiest in the Shi'ite ritual practice, and any disturbance by outsiders is

liable to result in violence.

When the IDF convoy mistakenly intruded, Shi'ites attacked the soldiers. There were injuries among local residents, and several IDF vehicles were burnt. Tension has remained high in the area since the incident.

An IDF investigation found that units in Southern Lebanon were ordered not to enter any Shi'ite settlements before Ashura, and the entry of the convoy into Nabatiye was contrary to orders.



President Amin Gemayel (left) listens to Syrian Foreign Minister Abdel-Halim Khaddam in a top-floor suite of a Geneva hotel yesterday, after the second session of the Lebanese reconciliation talks broke up. (UPI/Telephoto)

Fewer students apply for financial assistance

By CHARLES HOFFMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter
Only 4,500 of the country's 65,000 university students applied to the Education Ministry for financial aid this year. That is half the number that applied last year, according to ministry figures.

The student unions are going ahead with a 10 a.m. to noon boycott of classes today to protest against the proposed rise in tuition fees from about \$700 to \$1,000. The proposal was part of a package deal on university budgets worked out between the Treasury and the Council for Higher Education.

The head of the council's planning and budgeting committee, Prof. Haim Harari, said that the hike in tuition fees would be implemented in the next academic year.

The Education Ministry official

in charge of scholarships said that 1,300 of the 4,500 applicants for loans and scholarships this year were students from large families or residents of development towns. These groups were granted reductions in tuition fees by the Katsav Committee that last year worked out a formula for fees and financial aid.

Discussions continued yesterday between the council and the Treasury over the details of the package deal, which combines moderate budget cuts with increases in tuition fees and student loans.

A meeting scheduled for last night between student leaders and Education Minister Zevulun Hammer to discuss the proposals was postponed until today, Israel Radio said last night.

Zimbabwe ex-premier held for 'links with S. Africa'

HARARE (Reuters). — Former prime minister Abel Muzorewa has been detained as part of an investigation into South African-linked subversion, the Zimbabwe government said yesterday.

A brief government statement issued almost 24 hours after Bishop Muzorewa was arrested at his suburban Harare home on Monday, said the cleric had been "picked up under authorization... designed to check on subversive elements connected with South African bandits."

"It has come to our knowledge that the bishop intended to travel abroad on a trip which would have included a few days' sojourn in South Africa, there to be reunited with his intimate friends, in the leadership of the South African government," it said.

The statement gave no further details and no indication of how long Muzorewa, leader of the opposition United African Council, might be held.

His arrest followed a clash with government leaders over a recent visit he made to Israel, which Zimbabwe accuses of conspiring against it in alliance with South African and white former Rhodesians.

Muzorewa's son, Philemon, reacted angrily to the government statement: "It's a bloody lie," he told Reuters. He said his father had been due to travel to the U.S. on November 10 for a conference of his American-backed United Methodist Church, and would not have had time for an extended stopover in South Africa.

Iraq accepts, Iran rejects UN council ceasefire call

BAGHDAD. — Iraq yesterday accepted, and Iran rejected, a UN Security Council call for a ceasefire in their three-year-old war, as both sides claimed new victories in naval engagements in the Persian Gulf.

The air and naval engagements, in which a number of Iranian vessels were apparently sunk, prompted speculation in the West that the fighting could spread to the Strait of Hormuz, which Iran has repeatedly threatened to close off to oil tankers.

In accepting the UN ceasefire call, Iraq warned that if Iran refused it Iraq would take "necessary measures." Iraq has threatened to attack Iran-bound shipping and Iranian oil port facilities. Iran, in this context, has been especially concerned about Iraq's acquisition of French Super Etendard attack aircraft armed with Exocet missiles, which proved effective in the Falklands War last year.

Iran reacted to the UN ceasefire call by saying it would pay no further heed to the Security Council. "The Security Council lost its last chance. It has no credibility whatsoever," Iranian envoy to the UN Said Rajaei Khorassani told a press conference.

Iraq yesterday claimed to have destroyed an Iranian missile boat in the Khor-e-Musa area at the head of the gulf, near the area where five Iranian vessels, according to Iraqi claims, were sunk on Monday.

Iran, for its part, yesterday claimed its warships and aircraft sank an Iraqi missile boat and another vessel on Monday night.

The Iraqi communiqué yesterday said Iraqi jets flew 66 combat missions against Iranian positions in the war's northern front.

It remained unclear yesterday whether Iraq, as it claimed, had mined areas of the gulf. (AP, Reuters)

Three U.S. soldiers killed in Sinai crash

Three American soldiers from the Multinational Force patrolling the Sinai desert were killed when their truck crashed into a tree Saturday near the northwestern Sinai town of El-Arish, the MFO reported yesterday, according to AP.

The dead are Spec. 4 Leona Boonig, 20, of Detroit, Spec. 4 Andre

Liggett, 24, of Los Angeles and Pfc. Brian Merritt of Spring Lake, N.C.

A spokesman said Benning and Liggett died on Saturday soon after the accident, while Merritt died on Monday in an Israeli hospital. He added that announcement of the deaths was delayed until the next of kin could be notified.

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Daughters: Claire Solomon, Pearl Burstein, Esther Friedman
The funeral took place yesterday, Tuesday, 28 Marheshvan, 5744 (November 1, 1983)
Shiva at the residence of the deceased, 25 Rehov Washington, Jerusalem.



Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir, meets yesterday with Richard Luce, minister of state at the British Foreign Office. (Yitzhak Harari)

AWALI RIVER

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obstacle to progress in Lebanon. Shamir noted that these aspirations embraced both Lebanon and Jordan, Luce's next port of call.

Moreover, the Prime Minister said, Syria still unswervingly rejected Israel's fundamental right to exist in the region.

These basic Syrian positions underlay Damascus' obstructionism — not the lesser issues of the Golan Heights or the Israel-Lebanon pact.

Luce arrived in Israel early yesterday for two crowded days of talks and touring. He called on Knesset Speaker Menachem Savidor.

After his meetings with Shamir and with the Foreign Ministry senior staff, Luce said both Britain and Israel hoped such high-level discussions would become "a routine part of our

relationship."

He said the talks had been both friendly and frank. Britain supported Israel's "right to exist in secure borders, but equally we want to see satisfied Palestinian aspirations to determine their own lives."

Israeli sources said the issue of Britain's arms embargo against Israel had come up in the talks. While Israel had no plans to buy arms from Britain, the embargo, imposed during the 1982 Lebanon war, was "a thorn" in the relationship, Israeli sources said later. Other EEC countries had rescinded such measures.

Luce for his part referred to Israel's arms-supply relationship with Argentina. The Israeli side reiterated its oft-stated position that Israel continued fulfilling existing contracts during the Falklands war, but did not sign any new deals.

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timated total purchases in the entire banking system as between \$20m. and \$30m. This is about the same sum as purchased on Monday.

The police were helpless yesterday. They couldn't post a policeman outside every bank to prevent people from going in and out and buying dollars. Theoretically, they admitted, a man could spend \$100 on a plane ticket to Cyprus, and buy \$3,000 for every member of his family. He wouldn't even have to use the ticket.

"But if we get word about private banks you can be sure we'll act,"

said one senior officer. In almost the same breath he admitted that the new regulations were just that — regulations — to be enforced not by the police but by the banks. Attorney General Yitzhak Zamir is studying the question, a spokesman said.

Besides, he added, "basically the policy hasn't really changed. Up until now the rule has been that a person could not have more than \$500 in cash and another \$2,500 in travellers cheques. The only difference now is that to get the money, you have to show an airline ticket."

First Christian refugees depart from Deir al-Kamar

DEIR AL-KAMAR, Lebanon (AP). — After being trapped for nearly two months behind Druse militia lines, some 207 Christian refugees were given their freedom yesterday.

A five-bus convoy arranged by the International Red Cross carried the refugees — mostly elderly persons and a few children — to a public stadium in Beirut, where they were to be met by friends and relatives.

Shortly after the first refugees left, heavy sniper fire erupted and echoed in the Shouf mountains.

The sources of the fire appeared to be in Beit Eddin and Baakla, Druse villages just above Deir al-Kamar.

The refugees are the first of up to 1,000 who will make the 22 kilometre trip from the Shouf mountain village in the next several days.

An estimated 29,000 other Christian refugees are staying behind awaiting release. Druse leader Walid Jumblatt last week ordered 1,000 of the refugees to be released.

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The funeral will take place on Thursday, November 3, 1983 at 10.00 a.m. at the Greek Orthodox Church on Mount Zion.
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HOME NEWS

Social workers decide to organize clients

By LEA LEVAVI
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The Israel Social Workers Union has decided to organize its clients into a pressure group to fight cuts in social services. Ranya Retig, the union's national secretary, told a press conference yesterday that the social workers will first approach the government, the Histadrut, employers and anyone else who might be able to help. If this is not enough, clients will add their voices to the lobby for social services, she said.

Retig estimated that about a quarter of the population uses the social service system in one way or another through schools, health facilities, family counselling and rehabilitation programmes.

Retig said some social programmes, such as help to the aged, and retarded, need improvement, and hence more funds. There may be some services, she said, where a plateau has been reached and development can stop, but this can be determined only after careful examination and the establishment of priorities within the social services.

"Social services have to become a higher national priority. They are in about 10th place, whereas they should be pretty close to the top, right behind defence. Without getting into a political discussion about settlements in Judea and Samaria, I think if you asked people whether they would rather spend money on helping people buy villas in Samaria or on education, I think everyone would prefer education," she said.

Uzan and Orgad near accord

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Minister of Labour and Social Affairs Aharon Uzan and Finance Minister Yigal Cohen-Orgad appeared to be closer yesterday to an agreement on the place of cuts in the welfare budget in the Treasury's overall programme.

In a meeting yesterday afternoon, Uzan reiterated his opposition to cuts being made in areas that harm disadvantaged groups before steps are taken to place a heavier burden on the well-off groups.

Treasury officials have demanded that 15,700 million be cut from the ministry budget by eliminating 1,500 subsidized places for disadvantaged children in day-care centres and 2,000 places in boarding schools. But Israel Radio reported last night that, in the final analysis, only symbolic cuts would be made in the welfare budget.

Cohen-Orgad said after the meeting yesterday that "we are reaching a better understanding on how to distribute the burden."



President Chaim Herzog visits Tel Aviv's Hatikva Quartet yesterday with Deputy Prime Minister David Levy (right). "Project Renewal has failed to overcome the drug problem here," Tel Aviv Mayor Shlomo Lahat said at the end of the visit. During the tour, arranged at Herzog's request, residents crowded round the president and the mayor, shouting complaints. (IPPA)

Israeli visitors to Tyrol jump by 74%

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Israelis accounted for 9,500 of the 30,000 overnight stays in the Tyrol holiday resorts this year. This figure is 74 per cent more than the number of Israelis last year, Tyrol tourist department marketing director Wilfried Eggar told a press conference here yesterday.

The number of Israelis has increased more than any other national group, he said.

Eggar, who heads a team of 10 delegates to the International Tourism Exhibition opening tomorrow, said many Jews frequented Austria's holiday resorts before World War II. Israelis are now continuing that tradition, he said.

Four Israeli Moslems die on Mecca pilgrimage

Special to the Jerusalem Post

NAZARETH. — Four Israeli Moslems died while on a pilgrimage (hajj) to Mecca and two others are still missing. They were among a total of 1,036 Israeli Moslems who made the trip to the holy Moslem city last month. Three of the pilgrims apparently died in Jordan and Saudi Arabia as a result of heat exhaustion and illness.

The fourth, Suleyman Salim Akal from Arara in the Little Triangle, died in the government hospital in Mecca. His wife, Sa'ada, who remained at his bedside, has disappeared and her family intends to ask the International Red Cross to find out what happened to her.

Another pilgrim from Tamra village in Western Galilee got off a bus in the city of Medina to buy something and never returned. His sister and other passengers looked for him, but in vain. His sister said that her brother had neither papers nor money when he left the bus.

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Lennox Sebe (third from left), president of the South African black homeland of Ciskei, arrives at Ben-Gurion Airport yesterday with a group of dancers, two of whom give a preview of their performance here.

Haifa Port marks 50th anniversary

Corfu raps Shipyard's management

By YA'ACOV FRIEDLER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — Transport Minister Haim Corfu yesterday criticized the management of the Israel Shipyard here for failing to win a \$5 million contract for the construction of seven cranes for Haifa Port.

Although the government-owned shipyard's 900 employees are idle, the management's tender was 20 per cent higher than that of Kadman Brothers Metal Works in the Druse village of Yarka, Corfu told reporters after he attended a session of the Port Authority board marking the 50th anniversary of Haifa Port. Now, he noted, the yards will get some of the work from Kadman Brothers as a sub-contractor.

Corfu said the government had decided not to subsidize the building of merchant ships in the yards as it would cost \$5m. for each ship. The yards must find other employment to keep going, he said, and it was most regrettable the contract for the cranes had been missed.

In reference to a railroad to Eilat, Corfu said that this was the right time to start building a line because foreign railroad construction companies are now offering "ideal conditions" to keep their workers employed.

The transport minister said he was hopeful that the \$250m. project, which would take four to five years to complete, may now get the go-ahead because Finance Minister Yigal Cohen-Orgad's view is that economic growth must be stimulated.

Corfu said that because of the economic slump, foreign companies were offering easy, long-term loans and they would buy Israeli products. "We should exploit the slump period to build the railway which will put Eilat on the map and make it competitive," he said. This, despite the fact that economists could be correct in saying the line may not be economically viable for many years," he said.

'Dagon silo berth needs deepening'

Ports expert lashes gov't economists

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — "Near-sighted economists" in the government who reportedly won't permit the Ports Authority to spend \$5 million of its own funds to deepen the Dagon silo berth here came under attack yesterday by Israel Shipping Research Institute head Prof. Naf-tol Wydra. Wydra, a former head of the Port Authority's board, made the only critical remark at the port's 50th anniversary.

The silo's berth must be deepened, he said, to enable 60,000-ton grain ships to anchor there.

These ships must now unload 20,000 tons outside the port before they can enter the Dagon berth for quick and efficient discharging, he said.

The British who built the port were far-sighted enough to construct it to accommodate ships three times the size of those sailing at the time, Wydra said pointedly.

Arkia planning to expand charter business

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Arkia is planning to extend its charter business, Ya'acov Tovias, the company's general manager, told *The Jerusalem Post* yesterday. On November 9 it will inaugurate a weekly flight between Frankfurt and Eilat, Tovias said, adding that Arkia is planning to lease two Boeing 737s to meet demand expected in the summer.

Arkia owed close to \$90 million in April, Tovias said, but the sale of aircraft and operational earnings have enabled it to reduce its debt. The sale of the company's first Boeing 737 brought in \$13m. Arkia is also trying to sell its four Metros and hopes to fetch \$3m. to \$4m.

Arkia earned \$3,369m. from operations between April and September 1982. The operational revenues came partly from carrying 1,200 to 1,600 passengers on domestic flights on Sunday and some 750 on weekdays, Tovias said. About 98,000 passengers — half of them foreign tourists — flew on Arkia's charter flights between Europe and Israel, which were 86 per cent full between April and September.

Music project records local composers

Post Music Editor

A record of works by Israeli composers Zvi Avni, Mordechai Seter and Mark Kopytman, performed by the Israel Sinfonietta conducted by Mendi Rodan, has appeared as the inaugural disc in the "Music in Israel" project.

Music in Israel is a project of the Education and Culture Ministry, the Jerusalem Music Centre and the Israel Broadcasting Authority, in conjunction with Jerusalem Records.

The project hopes to issue three or four records of Israeli compositions annually, project committee chairman Mordechai Virshubsky said yesterday. The goal is to build up an anthology of Israeli compositions of all types and periods, with quality as the only criterion, he said.

At a celebration yesterday marking the appearance of the project's first record, Education Minister Zevulun Hammer said that contemporary music was "lo kal" (not easy). Composer Avni quipped that the minister must be referring to "local" music.

The celebration was attended by composers, ministry officials and representatives of the various organizations which have assisted the project, including the American-Israel Cultural Foundation, Akum (the Royalties Society of Israel), the Israel Composers League and the heads of Israel Radio's music department, as well as by Moshe Saperstein, the founder and managing director of Jerusalem Records.

Jerusalem orchestra makes London debut

By HYAM CORNEY
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

LONDON. — The Jerusalem Symphony Orchestra made its British debut at the Royal Festival Hall last night before a capacity audience. With Gary Bertini as conductor and Ida Haendel as violin soloist, the programme consisted of works by Ami Ma'ayani, Bruch and Mahler.

The orchestra arrived on Monday after a successful six-concert tour in West Germany. Manager Yuval Hadari told *The Jerusalem Post* that they had been well received both by audiences and critics. "But we regard London as the real test," he said.

On Monday night, the Jerusalem String Quartet, made up of principal players from the orchestra, gave a recital at the home of Ambassador Yehuda Avner. Among those present was former cellist Jacqueline du Pre, wife of pianist-conductor Daniel Barenboim.

Today, the JSO travels to Corby, 50 kilometres northeast of Coventry, to give a concert and tomorrow they play in Cardiff. They then continue their European tour in Denmark, Sweden, Finland and France, with Ida Haendel accompanying them as soloist.

Vandal burns art gallery exhibit

By ROBERT ROSENBERG
Jerusalem Post Reporter

A bizarre case of art vandalism yesterday afternoon left a 2 metre by 3 metre collage smouldering on the walls of an exhibit hall in the Jerusalem Artists House.

The collage, part of an exhibit by artist Miriam Sharon, combines photographs of scenes from the Old City of Jerusalem, including the Jewish Quarter.

The hall was empty when a visitor entered and discovered the burning collage, one of the House's curators said. She added that the items on exhibit were "ecological and political," but could not give any reason for the vandalism.

The artist is in West Germany preparing a major exhibit of her work.

CRIMELESS. — For the past three weeks, Safad has been free of crime, the local police reported yesterday. The reason is that all the lawbreakers are in jail, they said.

Police activity beefed up in Bat Yam and Holon area

By ASHER WALLFISH
Post Knesset Correspondent

The police and other security agencies, including the Civil Guard, have stepped up activities in Bat Yam and Holon in response to the recent spate of violence there and the apprehension that has spread among the public. However, financial limitations do not allow the police to maintain the level of vigilance they would like, the Knesset Interior Committee was told yesterday.

Nitzav Yehzekel Carthy, head of the police investigation division, added, in reply to a question by MK Ariel Weinstein (Likud-Liberals), that the situation in Bat Yam and Holon could be put right, even with the means at the police's disposal.

Carthy also commended a proposal by MK Yitzhak Seyger (Likud-Liberals) that the police detain fewer suspects so as to reduce crowding in police lockups. Carthy said the police do not arrest suspects just to go through the motions, or to give the public the impression that the force was being effective.

The committee was told that senior officials from several government ministries, including the Treasury, would visit Beersheba lockup tomorrow to set a schedule for repairs and improvements over the coming months.

Committee chairman Shoshana Arbeli (Alignment) commented: "The lockup is in an appalling state. Work should start at once, not in a few months time. From our experience, a few months could mean a couple of years!"

Begin may attend Bar-Ilan ceremony

Jerusalem Post Reporter

By Thursday it will be known whether former prime minister Menachem Begin will attend the ceremony formally opening a building named after him and his late wife Aliza at Bar-Ilan University.

Premier Yitzhak Shamir, cabinet ministers, Knesset Members and members of the university board are expected to attend the ceremony on the campus.

The Begin House will serve as a research centre for the Institute for the Study of the Underground Movements, the Questions and Answers Project (Rabbinical responsa) and the university's publishing unit.

New bill to protect artistic performers

Post Knesset Reporter

A bill to protect the rights of artistic performers — mainly singers, musicians, actors and dancers — against unauthorized reproduction of their performances passed its first reading in the Knesset yesterday.

Justice Minister Moshe Nissim said that such performers are not protected by the existing copyright law. He said that in February 1961, Israel signed the Rome convention designed to protect such performers. However, the absence of an Israeli law on the subject has precluded ratification of the convention.

Under the Rights of Performers Bill, it will be a criminal offence to make any unauthorized commercial use of an artistic performance. The bill also provides for civil remedies.

Nissim noted that a committee headed by Prof. Yehoshua Weisman, dean of the Hebrew University Law Faculty, is preparing a complete revision and codification of the copyright law, which is based on an English law of 1911.

Bill gives tax credit to science firms

Post Knesset Reporter

Purchasers of shares of approved science-based industries which conduct their own research will be entitled to tax credits under a bill that passed its first reading in the Knesset yesterday.

A similar bill passed its first reading last March, but it was withdrawn by the government when the Knesset did not approve one article during the bill's second reading.

That article — Article 14 — has now been revised. Among others, it changes the maximum amount deductible to 35 per cent of the taxpayer's taxable income, from the 20 per cent specified in the original bill.

The bill was presented by Deputy Finance Minister Haim Kaufman, and the entire debate consisted of some brief remarks by Shevach Weiss (Alignment) and Dan Tichon (Likud-Liberals).

Deputy Speaker Moshe Shaleh (Alignment) was also scheduled to speak, but did not do so because he was presiding over the session.

Bank fires clerk for causing \$50,000 loss

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Damage estimated at a maximum of \$50,000 was caused to Bank Mizrahi during the past few months by one of its clerks who worked in its stock market section, the bank has announced. The announcement denied reports that the damage amounted to "several hundred thousand dollars."

The clerk, who has since been fired, began several months ago to violate standard banking procedures, the bank said. In one case, he allegedly gave a client "special conditions" in purchasing shares, which lost the bank \$147,500. In another case, he yesterday did not charge two customers a total of \$6,400 on the Peace for Galilee levy.

The bank also says he did not collect commissions totalling \$1,920 from another two customers. These plus other alleged incidents, lost the bank some \$50,000.

BICYCLES. — Pupils in 18 schools will be given experimental lessons on how to ride bicycles safely on the roads, the Ministry of Education announced yesterday.

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Afghan rebels step up attacks

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan (AP). — The Soviet Embassy in Kabul and a nearby military command post were among Soviet positions singled out for attack by Moslem guerrillas in an escalation of violence last week in the Afghan capital, Western diplomatic sources here said yesterday.

The guerrillas shot down two Soviet transport planes which were trying to resupply a besieged town in southeastern Afghanistan about two weeks ago, the sources said.

At least six Soviet facilities including the Tajbeg Palace, headquarters of the Soviet military, came under gunfire and rocketing during the week.

The heaviest fighting occurred on the night of October 27 when guerrillas attacked a Soviet-built grain silo in the Kote Sangi area in the northern section of the city, the

sources said. There was no word on casualties but defensive rocketing reportedly damaged the local post office and destroyed two houses and a public bus.

In another area of the sprawling city, Soviet troops temporarily were forced to abandon their positions during a firefight on two military outposts, said the sources, who would not be identified.

The same night guerrillas rocketed the Tajbeg Palace, located near the Defence Ministry, but details of damage, and possible casualties were not given.

The Soviet Embassy reportedly also came under brief attack, but again details of the operation were not immediately available.

The guerrillas downed two Soviet planes, identified as either Antonov-26 or Antonov-32 models,

on about October 20 at Khost, one of three strategic towns under guerrilla siege in Pakitia province bordering Pakistan, the diplomats said.

To the west of Khost, near Gardez, guerrillas also ambushed a civilian bus carrying 30 Afghan Army soldiers dressed in civilian clothes and hiding guns under their seats, they added.

About 10 of the soldiers were killed in the attack on the bus, which appeared to be trying to sneak reinforcements through guerrilla-held areas and into Khost, they added.

Recent Afghan Army reinforcements and a heavy Soviet bombing campaign have slowed a two-month-long guerrilla offensive against Khost, Urgan and Jaji, three Communist strongholds. (AP, Reuters)

Marines take island near Grenada

WASHINGTON (Reuters). — Two companies of U.S. Marines landed on Carriacou Island north of Grenada before dawn yesterday to follow up a report that Cubans were on the island but met no resistance, the Pentagon said yesterday.

It said the marines, numbering between 400 and 500 men, searched the tiny island, but after meeting no resistance prepared to re-embark on their ships.

Carriacou has a population of about 6,000 and lies 50 kilometres north of Grenada.

The Pentagon has listed 18 U.S. troops killed, 86 wounded and one missing in the invasion that began last week. It said yesterday that at least 12 people died at a civilian mental hospital when a U.S. Navy plane bombed the building in the early hours of the fighting.

Defence Department officials said the building was unmarked and was located at a military complex from which shots were being fired at U.S. troops.

U.S. Marines were scheduled to complete their withdrawal from Grenada yesterday and sail on to Lebanon, their original destination before they led the U.S. invasion of the island a week ago.

Men of the 82nd Airborne Division have replaced the marines on patrol duty and in the continuing search for remnants of Grenadian People's Revolutionary Army (PRA) and Cuban units who resisted the invasion.

Grenadian civilians were helping the troops by identifying "bad guys" and leading them to arms caches, officials said.

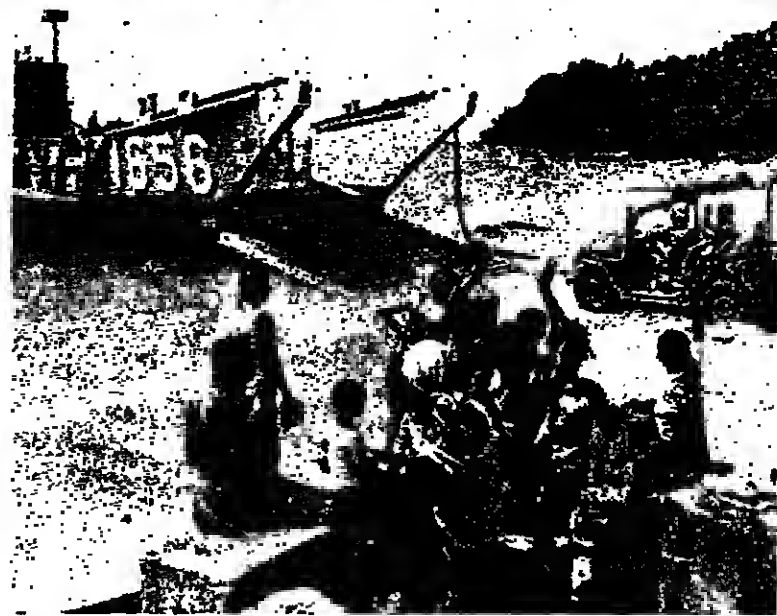
On the political front, State

Department official Tony Gillespie, designated U.S. charge d'affaires for Grenada, held talks with Governor-General Sir Paul Scoon about establishing an interim administration and preparations for elections.

In Bridgetown, Barbados, a U.S. official told Reuters the U.S. had no intention of turning Grenada into a base.

Foreign journalists allowed into Grenada have seen only isolated signs of fighting in St. George's the capital.

Damage is limited to the key areas of Butler House, the government offices, and Fort Frederick, both overlooking the southern end of the harbour, and Fort Rupert, the Army headquarters, at the northern end.



U.S. Marines and Grenadian children wave goodbye to each other as the Americans board landing craft Monday. (UPI telephoto)

UK Parliament approves deployment of U.S. missiles

LONDON. — Parliament on Monday night formally approved the imminent deployment of U.S. cruise missiles in Britain as anti-nuclear demonstrators staged a torchlight procession in the capital.

The House of Commons adopted by 362 votes to 218 a motion reaffirming support for NATO's 1979 decision to deploy medium-range U.S. nuclear missiles in Western Europe while pursuing arms control talks with the Soviet Union.

Hundreds of police blocked all approaches to Parliament as more than 1,000 demonstrators carrying torches and white crosses tried to march on the building.

Security was reinforced at Greenham Common air base, where the first missiles will be sited, following the recent arrest of nearly 200 women who tried to breach its perimeter fences.

Defence Secretary Michael Heseltine told Parliament mobile launchers for the missiles would arrive in Britain shortly and the multiple-warhead weapons themselves would be here before the end of the year. He said Britain must "trust" the U.S. not to fire them single-handedly.

Buildings have been completed and support equipment has been arriving by air and road for some time, he said.

The parliamentary motion was in the name of Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, but she took no part in the six-hour debate.

It strongly backed western efforts for a verifiable agreement with Moscow at Geneva, but confirmed that in the absence of this, missiles must be operationally deployed in Britain at the end of the year.

On a separate vote, Parliament rejected by 360 to 22 an amendment drafted by the Liberal and Social Democratic parties urging the government to negotiate immediately on a U.S. offer to install at British expense a dual-key system for joint British and American control of the cruise firing mechanism.

The opposition Labour Party abstained. (Reuters, AP)

U.S. commander defends Beirut security precautions

WASHINGTON (Reuters). — U.S. Marines Commandant P.X. Kelley yesterday defended his men's security precautions in Beirut, saying they could not have expected the truck bomb that killed 239 American servicemen in a suicide attack 10 days ago.

In sometimes testy exchanges, he told the Senate Armed Services Committee there was no reason for U.S. commanders to expect a five-ton truck with 2,250 kilograms of explosives to crash through defences at the Marines' headquarters compound.

He said the truck and its driver took about six seconds, travelling at 100 kilometres an hour to crash through a barbed-wire barricade, over a 46-centimetre steel pipe, and

through a 1.2 metre sandbag wall into the headquarters lobby.

Only an anti-tank ditch or a massive concrete wall would have deterred the "flying truck bomb," Kelley added.

He dismissed suggestions that such precautions were called for in light of the car bombing that destroyed the U.S. Embassy in Beirut several months ago. There was "not one shred of intelligence anywhere" that could have alerted a commander to the massive attack that occurred, he said.

Kelley admitted guards at three posts inside the compound carried unloaded weapons and said he did not know if they were able to fire shots at the truck driver. Even if they did, their weapons would have been useless in this case, he said.

Turkish quake death toll hits 1,233

ERZURUM, Turkey (AP). — Battling freezing weather, rescue teams worked through the night erecting tents and feeding tens of thousands of people left homeless by Sunday's massive earthquake that killed at least 1,233 people, authorities reported yesterday.

President Kenan Evren, after inspecting the disaster area, called for generous donations of money and supplies to help the survivors.

The powerful tremor that rolled through the eastern provinces of Erzurum and Kars also left at least 534 people seriously injured and destroyed 15,000 houses, leaving an estimated 75,000 people homeless in harsh winter weather. Rescue workers continued to clear the rubble and villagers buried the dead.

Village Affairs Minister Munir Guney, directing the relief work, said some of the homeless would be temporarily settled in public buildings. He promised to erect prefabricated houses quickly.

The International Red Cross sent 41 tons of medical supplies, 20,175 blankets and 5,473 tents to Erzurum, officials said. They said a 37-car special train filled with relief supplies was leaving Ankara for the disaster area.

Man convicted as 'Hillside Strangler'

LOS ANGELES (Reuters). — A 50-year-old ear upholsterer, Angelo Buono, was convicted Monday of one of 10 murders in the so-called Hillside Strangler killings after the longest criminal trial in U.S. history.

Buono looked at the ground as the court clerk read the jury's verdict. Judge Ronald George, who had presided over the 345-day trial spread over nearly two years, ordered the jury to resume its deliberations to reach a verdict on the remaining nine counts.

If convicted of two of the murders, Buono could, under California law, be sentenced to die in the gas chamber.

The 10 murders, all of young women, began on October 18, 1977, and had Los Angeles in the grip of fear for four months while the killings continued.

The women, whose bodies were abandoned on hillsides, included prostitutes, a waitress, schoolgirls, and a college student.

Buono was found guilty of the murder of victim number eight, Lauren Wagner, an 18-year-old student. A post-mortem showed she had been sexually assaulted, strangled and had electrical burns on her hands.

Blunders still bug Soviet news programme

MOSCOW (Reuters). — The appointment of a new chief editor for Soviet television's main news programme has not, it seems, helped to make it blunder-free.

In a report about U.S. naval maneuvers before the invasion of the Caribbean island of Grenada, a television map showed Spain, centring on its southern coastal city of Granada.

The television organization Gosteleradio confirmed yesterday

AROUND THE WORLD

Death squad threatens Salvadoran clergymen

SAN SALVADOR (AP). — A rightist death squad on Monday warned the leader of the Roman Catholic Church in El Salvador and his auxiliary bishop they will be "drastically punished" if they continue to use their Sunday homilies to conduct a pro-communist "campaign of misinformation."

The Maximiliano Hernandez Martinez Anti-Communist Brigade also charged in a communiqué sent to a local radio station that Archbishop Arturo Rivera y Damas and auxiliary Bishop Gregorio Rosa Chavez have contacts with leftist guerrillas.

Rivera y Damas and Rosa Chavez have called for dialogue with the rebels to end the war and have urged the government to put a halt to the death squads.

W. Germans talk peace with E. German leader

EAST BERLIN (Reuters). — Seven members of West Germany's anti-nuclear Greens Party met East German leader Erich Honecker Monday in an attempt to get him to sign an undertaking to work for unilateral disarmament.

Greens member Petra Kelly said the delegation presented Honecker with a "personal peace treaty" signed by all seven Greens during their meeting in the Council of State building in East Berlin.

West German television said Honecker signed part of the treaty, but failed to put his name to the section mentioning unilateral disarmament.

Sonar detects missing U.S. ship beneath sea

HOUSTON (AP). — A U.S. oil drilling ship that carried 81 people and had been missing off the coast of China since October 25 has been located by sonar 91 metres beneath the sea, a spokesman for the company that owns the vessel said there yesterday.

U.S. and Chinese air and sea craft have been searching for the vessel or survivors in the South China Sea since the Glomar Java Sea disappeared during a typhoon.

Campaign on S. African power sharing ends

JOHANNESBURG (Reuters). — An intense and often boisterous campaign waged yesterday for a crucial South African referendum on whether limited political power should be given to the country's Indian and coloured communities.

Voters from the minority 4.5 million white population will decide today whether to adopt a new constitution that would give a limited governmental role to the two groups, while continuing to exclude blacks who are over 70 per cent of South Africa's 22 million people.

Officials said results of the poll would not be announced until Thursday morning.

Moslem leader blasts MDs who create 'virgins'

JAKARTA (Reuters). — An Indonesian Moslem leader said yesterday doctors who surgically restored hymens to women seeking to convince future husbands they were virgins were committing a grave sin.

Syukri Ghazali, chairman of the Islamic Ulama Council, told the newspaper Kompas that the doctors were abetting women to indulge in fornication. "Such women definitely have the intention to deceive their future husbands," Ghazali said.

His strong comments followed reports that an increasing number of Indonesian women were undergoing surgery to have their hymens restored so that they can appear to be virgins on their wedding nights.

Peking: Sino-Indian talks 'constructive'

PEKING (Reuters). — Chinese officials have hailed the latest round of talks on the Sino-Indian border dispute as "constructive and useful," and said it would not be difficult to solve the problem if both sides adopted a realistic attitude.

The New China News Agency yesterday quoted members of the Chinese delegation at the talks that ended Sunday in New Delhi as saying that Peking did not oppose a sector-by-sector approach to the problem. This approach had been rejected until this latest round.

UK-Egypt exercises may yield lessons

ALEXANDRIA (Reuters). — The British Navy hopes its current joint maneuvers with Egyptian forces will help it perfect techniques for defending major warships against mass attack by small, missile-firing craft.

Captain Kenneth Snow of Britain's biggest warship, the carrier Hermes, acknowledged during a briefing for reporters that NATO's capital ships might be vulnerable to such attacks.

Besides the Soviet Navy, several Arab and other Third World countries have small, comparatively cheap, fast attack craft carrying

missiles which could be deployed in swarms during war.

Captain Snow said he was particularly concerned about such an attack because the 28,500-ton Hermes, as a commando carrier, might have to operate in coastal waters during any conflict.

KOREAN — Twenty-three Protestant ministers from South Korea are being offered lectures to Korea on Jerusalem, Israel and the Jewish people at the Hebrew University's Martin Buber Centre for Adult Education during their 11-day stay in Jerusalem.

Sports

Good prelude for tonight

By DON GOULD
Post Basketball Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Maccabi Ramat Gan, due to play their return match against Dynamo Bucharest at home tonight, are in great shape for the game, to judge from their performance against Kiryat Motzkin in the league on Monday night. They won 93-81, and led all the way, with Doron Jamechee, 27 points, and Uri Ben-Arie, 24, the top scorers. Richard Johnson, Kiryat Motzkin's gentle giant, canned 22 for his team.

Hapoel Ramat Gan are also playing a second leg Koraz Cup match tonight, when they go to Italy for their encounter with Caserta. Unfortunately, they did not get a league warm-up game on Monday, as their match with Betar Tel Aviv at Ramle had to be cancelled. Rain penetrated the roof and rendered the court unfit for play.

Although Maccabi Tel Aviv are still too error-prone, they played with greater intensity and more scoring balance than they have hitherto shown in league matches this year, as they blew away Afula 111-71. Six players, led by Auleic Perry and Mickey Berkowitz, both with 19, got into double figures.

Hapoel Tel Aviv, tied for top of the league, were given a severe fright by bottom-placed Maccabi South Tel Aviv, but survived it to win 91-86. They led by as much as 16 points, 47 to 31, at the half. Then Jackie "The Franchise" Robertson went into his act, and nearly achieved the upset of the year. He led all scorers with 34 points.

In their 10th round action, bard luck Upper Galilee were beaten again at home, this time by a solid Hapoel Haifa team, who won 97-89. Haim Zlotikmo topped all scorers with 35 points.

Maccabi Haifa pulled away in the second half to wallop Hapoel Holon 90-74. Holon are still without disabled Niv Bugin and Ofer Jacoby, while Mike Carter, although he is playing, is handicapped by injury. James Terry and Greg Cook, with 26 and 21 points respectively, again led the way for an improving Maccabi Haifa team.

Captain's knock

NEW DELHI (Reuters). — Clive Lloyd, West Indies' 39-year-old captain, scored a fighting 83 out to guide his team clear of a crisis on the third day of the second cricket Test against India here yesterday.

West Indies, who woo the first Test last week by an innings' ended the day on 319 for six, still 145 runs behind India's first innings total of 464.

They were in a precarious position shortly after lunch, when Viv Richards, the only West Indian batsman to dominate the Indian bowling, was fifth out of 173, for 67.

But then a partnership of 131 between Lloyd and the 22-year-old Gus Logie, who made 63 in three hours before falling to a fine catch by Kapil Dev off his own bowling shortly before the close, saw the West Indies out of trouble.

It was the veteran Lloyd who was chiefly responsible for securing West Indies' position.

SCOREBOARD

MARATHON. — Belgian runner Gony Agien won the Dublin City marathon in a time of 2 hours, 10 minutes, 50 seconds.

In a field of almost 11,000, Agien, a 24-year-old schoolteacher, led for most of the race after beating off an initial challenge from 19-year-old Irishman Gerry Kiernan.

He was the first foreign winner of the four-year-old event. Two Belfast athletes, Mal Dean and Sammy Dobson, took second and third place respectively.

SQUASH. — Ireland, England and favourites Australia scored comfortable victories in Perth last night to ease into the semifinals of the World Women's Team Squash Championship.

Australia cruised to 3-0 wins over the U.S. and Sweden to remain unbeaten after three of their four round-robin matches while the Irish beat Wales 2-1.

England also booked a place in the last four with a 3-0 win over New Zealand in Group "B", where England's world No. 2 Lisa O'Neil fought out a thrilling match with Susan D'Voy before winning 9-6 6-9 9-1 9-5.

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ART FOR THE BLIND

Emmanuel Pratt describes a visit by an unusual group to a Jerusalem exhibition.



"I HEAR the birds singing, and I know they fly through the air, but I didn't know what they looked like. It was wonderful to find out!" The face of the little girl is all smiles. Only her eyes under long, black eyelashes remain motionless and empty; nine-year-old Salha is blind. Last week she and a group of blind children from Beit Hanina, north of Jerusalem, visited a sculpture exhibition by Michael Katz at the Laromne Hotel galleries. Katz, who loves and sculpts birds, in bronze, brass, sheet iron, Lucite and

ceramics. Some of them are figurative, others abstract. But whatever the material or approach, they are caught in motionless flight or ready for flight. Michael has a blind friend who came to the exhibition opening in order to touch the birds. "He was fascinated," says Michael, "and so pleased to recognize the forms he hadn't seen ever since he lost his sight in an accident." "And what about those who never saw a bird?" he continued. "Those who were born blind, and will re-

main in darkness till they die... The thought was horrible..." Michael talked it over with his wife, Eli, who teaches psychology at the Hadassah Medical Centre on Mount Scopus, and writes poetry. An idea emerged: to invite groups of the blind (both Jews and Arabs, children and adults) to the exhibition, "which is so well suited for this purpose: there is such a variety of forms, techniques and materials. I immediately got in touch with various institutions working with the blind."

The first group of blind young girls came from the Centre for the Blind in Beit Jala, south of Jerusalem. The response was so powerful that Michael knew he had struck the right note. "The ceramic doves are what children like best," says Michael. "One girl wouldn't part with her dove, and insisted on being photographed with it. Photographed! For her parents to see her with the dove." Then came new groups from Jerusalem, Beit Hanina, Beit Jala, and each time the event ended over

cocoa and chocolate cake. "I always felt that I don't belong to the world of those who see," said one young girl, "but now the darkness seems thinner." THERE IS a lively exchange over the tea table in the lobby of the Laromne hotel. Some prefer metal birds, others like ceramics, or Lucite. Figurative and abstract forms are discussed, too, in the naive fashion. A boy of about 10, thin and pale, was sitting there silently, and

remote from the other children. His cocoa was cold, his cake untouched. I joined him. "What's the matter? Didn't you like the birds?" He raised his empty eyes. "Oh, no — I liked them very much," he said, "but now I know how they look, I'll miss them even more..." THE CHILDREN boarded their bus, Michael and I left the hotel together. "What are your plans for the future, Mike? This should be fol-

lowed up, you know..." "Yes, but how? I'll be sculpting, of course. And I've another idea: you see, my wife's book of poems, which is all about a flight of fancy, appeared in English and Hebrew and Arabic. We want to publish it in Braille. I will illustrate the poems in 'bus-relief'." Evening falls early in autumn. High in the Jerusalem sky stars were shining. And tomorrow the sun will rise again. It's a pity one can't sculpt these stars and this sun.

ISRAELI PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA, Uri Segal, conducting, with Benjamin Luxon, baritone (Mann Auditorium, Tel Aviv, October 23). Bizet: Prelude to "Carmen"; selections from music and film; Blanche Krasovskaya "Russian Easter" Overture; Kodaly: Marcszak Dance.

BARITONE Benjamin Luxon turned this concert into a most pleasant event. Singing five numbers from famous American musicals, Luxon showed unassailable professionalism. Not even the most rigid highbrow could deny the beauty and impact of melodies like "Love is a Many Splendored Thing" (Fain-Webster) or "Moon River" (Mancini-Mercer).

Luxon showed remarkable flexibility. "Stand up and Fight" from "Carmen Jones" (Bibb-Hartman) had all the heat, excitement and drama one would expect from this famous torch song. The ballads, on the other hand, were surprisingly tender, with Luxon's voice sounding exceptionally mellow and expressive. His diction was distinct, and discreetly hinted at the small theatrical scene.

Having songs from musicals was a refreshing deviation from the often unsympathetic programmes of the Light Classical Music concerts.

The Bizet seemed slightly overdone, and the two other orchestral works seemed under-rehearsed, especially in the woodwinds.

BENJAMIN BAR-AM

HAIFA SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA, Uri Schneider conducting, with Adam Han-Gorsky, violin (Haifa Auditorium, October 23). Halpern: Anshwitz Epitaphium (Premiere); Bruch: Scottish Fantasy for Violin and Orchestra; Sibelius: Symphony No. 2.

THE HAIFA Symphony Orchestra commissioned Eddie Halpern to compose a work for Holocaust Day. His *Anshwitz Epitaphium* is neo-impressionistic in idiom; small fragments of hassidic melodies (among which are prayers for the Day of Atonement) serve as its basis. A powerful and touching work, it was most warmly received by the audience.

Just as Mux Bruch's first violin concerto is still one of the most popular works in the repertoire, his *Scottish Fantasy for Violin and Orchestra* is one of his less known compositions. It is a free-flowing symphonic work, incorporating a Scottish tune in each of its four movements. Adam Han-Gorsky, a violinist living in Austria, played the solo part of the *Scottish Fantasy* with a fine clear tone, demonstrating good technical and musical abilities and sensitivity. There was good dialogue between the solo and the accompanying orchestra.

Lack of adequate rehearsal was felt in the symphony. Apart from the occasional lack of synchronization at entries, the rendition of this colourful work emerged less taut and decisive than expected, especially in the heroic part. Still, Uri Schneider and the HSO are to be

Many splendoured thing

MUSIC REVIEWS

praised for an unconventional, interesting evening.

ESTHER REUTER

The Cantor Singers, Amos Itai, conducting; with Miriam Meizler soprano, Louis Garb tenor; and Yaron Windmüller baritone (Tel Aviv, October 25). Haydn: Madrigal; "Der Sturm"; Bruch: Cantata Misericordia; J.S. Bach: Cantata No. 14, "Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme."

AVNER ITAI presented an extremely interesting and well-balanced programme. With Haydn and Bruch represented in the first part of the evening, and Bach's great cantata in the second, Itai covered a wide range of styles and eras. The evening was a substantial and challenging one.

Haydn's rarely heard madrigal, "Der Sturm" (1792), was a pleasant curtain-raiser though both the work itself and its interpretation were not particularly striking. The limitations of the male singers was evident from the beginning. The rather muffled beginning was followed by a real event: Bruch's masterpiece, "Cantata Misericordia," 1963. This

highly original work is actually a mystery play though it is performed by three soloists, choir and orchestra. If Britten had intended its dramatic character, Itai accentuated it, so that the cantata became almost operatic. He introduced constant variations and contrasts, and the dynamics were particularly lively and varied.

The choir were fully involved in the work, and gave an exciting performance. The two soloists, Garb and Windmüller, considerably impressed. Britten, as in many of his works, transcends eras, regions and cultures. This is why his message is so universal; it was grasped by Itai, and conveyed thrillingly.

THE PERFORMANCE of the Bach cantata was sadly different. The choir seemed inadequate for its task. In the huge choral fantasy of the first part, with its complex polyphony, both tenors and basses produced a lacklustre sound. Moreover, they had poor diction. The orchestra, which has to

provide the base for this powerful structure, sounded unpleasantly harsh. The violins were constantly off pitch, and the organ was inaudible. In the beautiful No. 4, where basso continuo harmonies of the orchestra have a splendid melody and the tenors sing the chorale, the performance was again inadequate.

The three soloists — with the possible exception of Windmüller's recitative, "So geh herein," where his diction was obscure — were adequate.

BENJAMIN BAR-AM

ISRAELI SINFONETTA, Beersheba: Yoav Talmi conducting; with Erelia Talmi, flute; Heng-Kuan Chen, piano (YMCA Auditorium, Jerusalem, October 30). Rossini: "La scala di seta." Overture; Mozart: Piano Concerto in B-flat Major, K.595; Partos: "Visions"; Haydn: Symphony in D, No. 101.

THIS BILL of varied fare evoked mixed feelings. Splendid playing in the Rossini Overture, particularly by flutes and oboes evoked the right playful mood. Then, the pianist (runner-up of this year's Rubinstein Competition) gave us a stylistically unacceptable interpretation of one of the most beautiful piano concertos — Mozart's last. It seemed more suitable for Chopin and Rachmaninov or other music demanding showy emotion and digital fluency, both of which the pianist seems to possess in excessive quantities. Yoav Talmi apparently agreed with this approach, for the orchestral participation was too loud and too crude.

Furthermore, for the YMCA Auditorium's acoustics, the dynamics employed were robust in the extreme. (The pianist had already performed the same work six times always in small halls in Israel and should have adapted himself to their limited conditions.) Either he does not hear himself or thinks that volume and speed impress the public. Indeed, the audience enthusiastically applauded his misinterpretation of Mozart's intentions and style, but I chose not to listen to the two encores provided out of sympathy with the composer.

After the intermission, the evening changed. Partos' *Visions* was given a highly committed and excellently interpreted performance. Erelia Talmi played the flute solo with great flexibility and intense identification.

With his mellismata, Partos created an oriental atmosphere of improvisation, which came out beautifully in Yoav Talmi's unrestrained interpretation. The strings, with Sara Fuxon-Hayman at the piano, cooperated in full empathy. The result was one of the best performances of this work I have ever heard.

After such an emotional experience, a Haydn symphony is, perhaps, bound to be anticlimactic, and, despite all the charm and beauty of this so well-known work ("The Clock"), the reading was merely routine.

YOHANAN BOEHM

SONATA EVENING — Vera Waldman, violin, and Emanuel Krasovskiy, piano (Tel Aviv Museum October 18). Stravinsky: Italian Suite; Elgar: Sonata Op.82; Vardina Shlonsky: Sonata No.1; Brahms: Sonata Op.100.

VERA WALDMAN and Emanuel Krasovskiy are not only excellent musicians, each with a personality in his own right, but also as a team they have a distinctive character. They relay a clear and convincing message.

They seemed to penetrate each work and to bring out its essence. Stravinsky's neo-Baroque *Italian Suite* was marked by lively tempi and a precise articulation of phrases. Elgar's first movement, unmistakably Brahmsian in mood, offered tension and imposing climaxes — an emotionally stimulating performance.

Vardina Shlonsky's Sonata No.1 used a biting sharp and strikingly relevant expressionistic language. An impressive piece, it was in the hands of two devoted performers, who spared no effort to drive the message home.

The harshness of Shlonsky was followed by the utter loveliness of Brahms. As a matter of fact, the first movement of the sonata produced the loveliest playing of the whole evening, both by the violinist and pianist. It was an evening of excellent chamber music.

BENJAMIN BAR-AM

ARAB OUTCAST

LISTENING IN...Ze'ev Schul

Arabs won't have me, and the Jews won't accept me: Israelis I come in contact with listen to my sabra slang and wonder aloud whether my background is Moroccan or Egyptian. "I am a Palestinian." When I say that, people stare. I used to flare up and say "I had horns and a tail, only they were cut off."

"You may find this difficult to believe, but I learned to write Arabic at a Jewish university. "Can any outsider understand what it means to an Arab to see an Arab girl come home after midnight from a party given by Jews?"

"MY FELLOW Palestinian students ostracized me. They called me a whore because I socialized with Jews and probably thought I was sleeping with most of them. I know now that the Arabs are warped sexually. They tend to associate everything with sex — even the

slightest and most innocent of contacts — and yet brush things under the carpet, like the Arab girl student who burrowed my room to sleep with her (Arab) boyfriend. What I did, I did openly, and was regarded as a sort of freak among the Arabs."

Then "Gimmel" met the "love of my life," an Ashkenazi Likudnik of Polish origin. She was also becoming increasingly aware of what she termed the "plight of the Palestinians."

"I began to hear stories about the requisitioning of land and the suffering of the Arabs. I felt I had to join in their struggle."

"Meanwhile my boyfriend and I began living together. I loved his parents and they loved me — until they found out I was an Arab. I could understand them, although I have never killed a Jew. They simply didn't want their son to marry a Palestinian girl. What a pity he's a Jew," was my parents' reaction. I was could understand them, too. There was the question of family honour.

"I became a dropout, went back to my parents, and finally wound up in a mental hospital."

"My lover has since become religious and goes to a yeshiva. Sometimes I meet him in the street, and it takes me a week to recover. His parents have lost a son, and I've lost him as well. Why? I don't know. I am now 27, and no Arab man will have me."

"I went out with an Arab university graduate for a while — I thought that maybe an educated man [would understand] — but he wanted an obedient little woman, and couldn't bear the fact that I walked around without a bra. He loved visiting Jewish friends, but when we were with Arabs he wanted to crawl under the table, he was so ashamed of me."

This gets my vote for one of the best stories I've heard this year. If somebody made it up, then what we heard was the equivalent of that Friday night shmilatz. But it rang true. I felt for "Gimmel," and was able to identify with her.

A SHOT in the opposite direction

was fired by Azarya Alon just before Saturday morning's 10 o'clock news. I have felt sorry for the Beduin, who are allegedly being deprived of their wide-open spaces and romantic, nomadic way of life, forced to accept concrete houses instead of goat-skin tents and bottled gas instead of open fires.

But it ain't necessarily so, Alon says. Long before we began our military airfield construction in the Negev, he points out, the Beduin were buying tractors and disc ploughs to replace their ancient wooden, camel-drawn scratch ploughs. Battery-operated televisions came even earlier, together with electricity, piped water and solar heating.

For reasons of their own, the Beduin often preferred corrugated, galvanized iron sheds to tents, but even in the few remaining traditional encampments life was not as romantic as we might have believed. Life expectancy was short, and the discomforts manifold. For many, moving to the new Beduin towns may actually be a big step forward.

The Beduin way of life was on its way out before the planes came in, Alon concludes.

AGAINST THE ODDS

By YA'ACOV FRIEDLER/Jerusalem Post Reporter

AGAINST all the odds, there has never been a Cohen in the governments that have run this country since it was established in 1948. Until now, that is.

Yes, the odds were simply against it. If you thumb through a telephone directory with its dozens of pages of Cohens, you'll see why. No Cohen in a Jewish government? Even a *gov* would consider that unlikely, perhaps unseemly.

If only because the law of averages has at last been vindicated, I rejoice at the appointment of our new Finance Minister, Yigal COHEN, and yes, hyphen Orgad. And I forgive him the hyphenation — nobody is perfect.

How much more suitable is Cohen than such a new-fangled name as Moda'i, or even Pati, not to mention the *galuth* sound of Weizman.

Thank God for Cohen. Now that we have him soon we'll be wonder-

ing how we could have done without his name in the corridors of power, admittedly after the money's gone, thanks to Aridor his predecessor.

THERE, by the way, is another unlikely name for a Jewish finance minister: Aridor's predecessor, Hunitz, at last sounded more Jewish, and the one before — Ehrlich, well, we won't say an angry word about the departed, and we're sure he did his best, but we cannot forget that Ehrlich means *honest*, and the best we can say about the late Reb Simha's honest efforts to give us a liberal economy is that being honest is like being a lady, if you've got to say you are, you ain't.

But back to our Cohen. The odds against his staying in office for long, and redressing long-standing wrongs (you don't have to be Jewish to appreciate a Cohen at the top), are pretty lung. A hundred to one a

venture capital bookie would say, I shouldn't wonder. Sixty to eight would be a fair price from a more conservative colleague.

It's not because of any fault of our Cohen (oh, how I savour that name), God forbid, but the one government that, after 35 years and nine months, at last coopted a Cohen into its ranks, is unlikely to last long. A self-styled Begin government, but without Begin, is rather like the reflection of sunlight on a bit of broken glass.

So let's make hay while the sun shines. Let's be pleased with Cohen even as we lament our depreciating shares.

Fate cannot harm me. I've got a Cohen in the cabinet, is the way I look at it. We've had a Kaplan and a Rahinowitz, we've had a Pinkas and a Shitrit, a Rosen and a Burg (we have him still), but we've never had a Cohen. And now, *haruch hashem*, we have.

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Shares fall by modest margins

TEL AVIV. — Sellers of those bank shares covered by the government agreement, were not disappointed yesterday. Whatever they offered for the shares was picked up by the Bank of Israel, acting on behalf of the Treasury. Without a change in price, the sum total of the Treasury's intervention was yesterday some \$50 million. The total amount pumped in by the Treasury is now just under \$400m. (about \$132 billion).

Judging by the action of the share market, it remains clear that money coming out of the market as a result of these bank sales, is not returning to the non-banking share sectors. Non-bank shares continued to fall, although relatively moderately compared with Monday's massive sell off.

There were 25 sellers only securities, while eight others popped up on the buyers only list. One hundred and eight securities fell by margins of more than 5 per cent and generally not exceeding 10 per cent.

The Israel Can Corp. 5.0 shares fell by 40.2 per cent. The can was squashed so badly that it isn't even suitable for recycling," fumed one of the observers.

However, there was some encouragement to be drawn from the action of the 55 securities which ad-

Tel Aviv Stock Exchange

By JOSEPH MORGENSTERN

vanced by margins of more than 5 per cent.

Turnover on the share market totalled 154.4b., and of this amount the turnover in bank shares came to 154.2b.

There was little action in the index-linked bond market as prices consolidated with little movement in either direction. Turnover eased to 151.1b.

The Bank of Israel maintained a relatively low profile as the shekel was devalued by 59 agorot, vis-a-vis the dollar.

Outside the agreement, Maritime Bank of Israel announced its intention to allocate to shareholders 100 per cent in bonus shares. The 0.1 Maritime shares were 9.4 per cent lower while the 0.5 shares traded unchanged. Otzar Hityashuv Hayehudim was down 1.4 per cent. The shares of the First International Bank were 9.7 per cent lower, while FIBI saw its shares ease by less than 1 per cent. Danot 1.0 was a 10-per-cent loser.

Mortgage bank shares fell by 3.8 per cent, dragged down by a 15-per-cent fall in the price of Binyan Mortgage.

Insurance issues formed the brightest spot on the market. Hamishmar-Harel was 10.2 per cent higher while Ararat 0.5 picked up a 9.5 per cent rise.

The service and trade group was fully mixed with prices moving up to 10 per cent in either direction.

Rapac 0.5, which was the only stock on the exchange registered as "buyers only" on Monday, came back with a 10-per-cent gain. The Rapac 0.1 shares were 15 per cent higher.

The land development, real estate and citrus plantations equity group was also mixed. The options, interestingly enough, were sharply lower during the early morning trading session.

Industrials were moderately lower. Elbit was unchanged but its option fell by 11.3 per cent. The Dead Sea Works eked out a 1 per cent advance. Feuchtwanger 1.0 was clipped for a 15.2 per cent loss while its attendant option fell close to 30 per cent. Investment company issues were mixed. Clal Industries was unchanged.

Company	Price	Change	%	Company	Price	Change	%	Company	Price	Change	%					
Commercial Banks																
IOB p	34580	2	n.e.	Jordan Hotel	147	243	+1.7	Ackerstein 1	197	130	+7.3	Kedem Chem	179	55	-14	+8.5
IOB r	3458	19255	n.e.	Jordan Hotel op	53	187	+2.4	Ackerstein 5	108	5	-2.3	Kedem Chem op	115	18	+2.7	+2.7
IOB B r	3542	214	n.e.	Yahalom	68	297	+6.7	Argaman p.r.	108	5	-2.2	King 1	350	15	n.c.	+2.9
IOB B r 2	21377	23	n.e.	Yahalom op 1	46	201	+4.8	Argaman r	1041	139	-50	King 5	225	5	n.c.	—
IOB op 11	2368	378	-180	Nikur 1.0	286	50	-34	Argi	1041	13	-65	King op 1	122	—	—	—
Union op 4	2640	3414	n.e.	Nikur 5.0	139	75	-19	Ary	733	31	-168	King 1.0	250	195	n.c.	—
Discount r	4528	235	n.e.	Nikur op 1	140	—	—	Ata B 1.0	142	77	+13	King 1.0 r	287	17	+1.5	+1.5
Discount A	4528	1340	n.e.	Consor. Hold.	108	117	-12	Ata C 0.1	190	21	-5.2	Katz. Adler 1	287	14	+1.4	+1.4
Discount op 2	2340	209	-210	Consor. 0.5	75	60	-2.7	Tadiv 5.0	160	9	-5.3	Katz. Adler 5	292	1	+14	+5.0
Discount B	488	328	-22	Consor. op B	79	1	+4.6	Bar-Ton 1	120	12	n.e.	King op r	42	23	+1	+3.7
Mizrahi r	1461	332	n.e.	Consor. op C	300	28	-10	Bar-Ton 5	54	55	+9.8	Rim 0.1 r	601	—	—	—
Mizrahi op 11	2390	445	-190	Kopel op	212	—	—	Bar-Ton op	37	150	-7.1	Shildes	291	—	—	—
Mizrahi op 2	893	1193	-47	Crystal 1	130	97	+12.9	Goldfron 1.0	no trading	—	Shildes op	160	8	+4	+2.1	
Mizrahi sc 6	12760	—	—	Rapac 0.1	1091	-142	+15.0	Goldfron 5	45	31	-3.3	Schoellern	462	56	+13	+2.8
Mizrahi sc 9	601	128	-46	Rapac 0.5	157	193	+17	Gal Ind. 1.0	1102	113	-195	Shemen p.r.	1421	12	+103	+7.5
Maritime 0.5	435	1063	-45	Supersol 2	1330	30	n.e.	Gal Ind. up 1	634	4	+41.6	T.A.T. 1.0	299	176	n.c.	—
Maritime p.B	3102	10	n.e.	Supersol op B	269	10	-56.1	Gal Ind. op 1	634	4	+41.6	T.A.T. 5.0	146	141	+7	+5.8
Hapoalim r	2410	5788	n.e.	Time 1	721	7	+20.9	Galil Tech 1	40	235	-5.3	Tegul 1	184	106	+13	+10.1
Hapoalim B	2410	3219	n.e.	Time op	450	40	-10.2	Galil Tech op	46	71	-1	Tegul 5	101	160	-8	+9.2
Hapoalim op 7	no trading	—	—	Land, Building, Citrus				Dubek p. r	1030	11	n.e.	Tegul op	56	31	n.e.	—
Hapoalim op 8	4410	454	-290	Oren	153	253	-14.9	Dubek p. b	1010	8	+10.0	Tedex 1	447	155	-70	-13.5
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Hapoalim sc 8	3630	23	-550	Azorim Prop.	138	490	+3.2	Delta Galil 2	300	110	n.e.	Taya op 1	140	34	-28	-20.0
General A	6160	846	n.e.	Azorim r	131	915	+2	Delta Gal. op 2	70	114	+1	Taya op 2	300	34	n.c.	—
General op 6	30150	3	-3000	Azorim op D	237	15	+36.7	Dafran 5	276	242	-5.2	Taal B r	281	99	n.c.	—
General op 8	13520	40	-400	Azorim op E	91	31	n.e.	Dafran op	268	242	-5.2	Frutavor r	751	23	-31	-40.0
General op 9	3385	90	-80	Eylon	35	208	-6.8	Dexer Chem.	128	46	-5.8	Lachish 1	333	44	-12	-5.0
General sc 5	5185	30	-300	Eylon op	184	42	n.e.	Dexer op A	53	63	-3.3	Lachish 5	241	—	—	—
General 7	271	696	-10	Ammonim 1	78	41	-10.4	Fertilizer 0.1	239	60	n.e.	Leishon op	350	18	n.c.	—
Leumi	1551	7080	n.e.	Ammonim op	7990	1	-180	Fertilizer 0.5	239	60	n.e.	Rogovin 1	150	16	n.c.	—
Leumi op 13	1900	981	-158	Africa Is. 0.1	7375	—	-80	Fertilizer op	107	604	-20.5	Toro Pharm.	185	25	+3	+3.3
Leumi sc 11	1899	352	-81	Africa op 2	4350	60.1	-415	Cables r	593	23	+3.5	Union r	361	47	n.c.	—
Leumi op 1	1740	193	-24	Azraim	70	87	n.e.	Cables 6	589	—	-65.9	IDB Dev. r	3240	22	-171	-5.0
Leumi op 2	2077	19	n.e.	Azraim op	341	332	n.e.	United Spinners	1159	138	-4.2	IDB Dev. op 2	2301	22	-101	-4.0
Leumi op 3	1750	20	-112	Azraim 0.5	146	347	+2.1	United Spinners	112	123	-14	Incoba	119	169	+6	+5.0
Leumi op 4	1660	781	n.e.	Arden 0.5	146	347	+2.1	United op 5	64	361	-8.6	Incoba 0.5	80	214	+4	+6.0
Leumi op 5	900	413	n.e.	Ben Yakar 1	341	30.1	-18.0	Hamasul 1	156	142	-4	Elgar r	1170	3	+81	+9.0
Danot 5.0	524	87	-58	Ben Yakar op	150	10	-6.3	Hamasul 5	163	3	-3.0	El-Rov 1	67	250	+1	+1.0
Danot 5.0 op	354	4085	n.e.	Baranovitz 1	68	364	+3	Hamasul op	155	38	-11.4	El-Rov 5	52	304	n.c.	—
Danot 5.0 op 1	345	3082	-37	Baranovitz op	30	38	+13.0	Hatchof 1.0	231	231	+1.1	El-Rov r	545	107	n.c.	—
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Burying the delusions

THE ECONOMY has come full circle. Six years, almost to the day, after the Likud's turnaround which was to have heralded the freeing of the country's economy from the bureaucratic fetters imposed by the old Alignment regime, a Likud finance minister restored the prohibition on the purchase of foreign currency, and has thus disposed of the last important relic of the turnaround.

In the meantime, Simha Ehrlich's grand vision of Israel as a Middle Eastern version of Switzerland faded away, to be replaced by the woeful reality of economic regress combined with raging inflation.

Yigal Cohen-Orad, the finance minister, may have had no choice. The public kept running away from bank shares and investing in foreign currency, and the drain could not be allowed to go unchecked. It must have been little consolation to Mr. Cohen-Orad that the present economic disarray is essentially the work of his Likud predecessor, Yoram Aridor, of "proper economics" fame.

The opposition could not, in good conscience, oppose the ban. But it was right to complain that had the finance minister slapped it on a week earlier he would have saved the Treasury many millions of dollars.

Some Liberal politicians, on the other hand, demurred at the move itself, rightly pointing out that it would help revive the black market in foreign currency and encourage the flight of capital abroad.

This is likely to happen because the ban is full of loopholes, and because the authorities will not, as they have already served notice, enforce the law.

The hope was expressed yesterday that the ban was only meant as a temporary expedient, and that it would be removed as soon as the monetary system stabilized itself. This appears to suggest excessive faith in the recuperative powers of the monetary system. There are prophets of gloom around who expect failure, predicting unprecedentedly harsh measures by the Treasury in a matter of weeks.

The root of the trouble still seems to lie in the crisis of confidence between the people and their government. To many, the moral of Mr. Cohen-Orad's sudden ban is only that they should have bought more foreign currency earlier. The finance minister has his work cut out for him in restoring at least a semblance of confidence among the public.

One measure that has been recommended, and that he should support, is Knesset legislation barring any government attempt to tamper with Patam accounts.

The Awali trap

WHETHER OR NOT it receives top priority on the agenda of the Lebanese "national reconciliation" conference in Geneva, the Syrian demand for the abrogation of Lebanon's still unratified pact with Israel is certain to be a principal bone of contention among the conferees.

In Jerusalem yesterday, Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir warned that, if the final decision in Geneva is to scrap the accord, this would obligate Israel to stay put in Lebanon. The day before, in the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defence Committee, Mr. Shamir reportedly denied that this country had threatened to keep its forces in Lebanon indefinitely if that happened, but clearly that is the intention.

According to this government view, an indefinite Israeli military presence south of the Awali would supply those elements of security which might be missing without the agreement with Lebanon. And with the pact, it would exert pressure on Lebanon to maintain it and on the Syrians to cooperate by withdrawing their troops from Lebanon as a condition of Israel pulling out its own.

Israel was, in fact, being urged by some of the Lebanese themselves to use the leverage of its military presence as a means of getting the Syrians out. Thus Phalange leader Pierre Gemayel, a participant at the Geneva conclave, was yesterday quoted as having said that he would invite Israel to remain in Lebanon if the Syrians refused to budge.

Mr. Gemayel, it seems, is again willing to employ Israel as a club over his enemies.

But it is highly questionable whether Israel can actually induce the Syrians to move out of Lebanon by staying on the Awali. On the contrary, the Syrians would have good reasons to welcome Israel's staying put.

For this deployment spreads Israel's forces, keeps them busy with policing a huge area and population, alienates that population from Israel, burdens Israel's economy, disrupts military training schedules, harms Israel's image and intensifies disension within the country. At the same time it permits the Syrians to justify their own presence in Lebanon.

A growing number of Israelis have already wakened up to the fact that the peace of Galilee, for the sake of which ostensibly the IDF entered Lebanon in June 1982, is being purchased at the cost of a rising toll of Israeli life between the Awali and the Galilee frontier.

A renewal of outright war against them might force the Syrians to change their minds about withdrawal from Lebanon — and ensure implementation of the Israel-Lebanon accord. Perhaps that is what those "circles" have in mind, "in the U.S. and elsewhere," that have, according to Mr. Shamir, been complaining that Israel is insufficiently "involved" in Lebanon.

After more than 500 days of involvement in Lebanon, however, Israelis have plainly lost whatever appetite they might previously have had for reshaping their neighbour to the north.

The real alternative for Israel is to move back home without waiting for the Syrians. Since Damascus has vowed to take its own troops out of Lebanon if Israel did so first, this could provide the pressure on Syria that mere staying on the Awali would not.

THE ARRIVAL of the Eagleburger mission, although scheduled before the recent dramatic events in Lebanon and Grenada, cannot be divorced from the strident new American posture in world affairs.

The catastrophic attack on the Beirut headquarters of the U.S. marines is not U.S. under-secretary of state Lawrence Eagleburger's first crisis involving an affront to American power and prestige. How he reacted in the past could provide a clue to future events.

In 1969, a North Korean jet downed an unarmed U.S. reconnaissance plane, a propeller-driven, four-engine EC-121, over international waters, with the loss of all 31 men aboard. Eagleburger, then a close aide to Henry Kissinger, who was Richard Nixon's national security adviser, strongly supported Kissinger's demand for instant retaliation. The Kissinger proposal was for an air strike at North Korean airfields, with a readiness to employ atomic weapons, if necessary.

Former New York Times correspondent Seymour Hersh, in his carefully researched *The Price of Power: Kissinger in the Nixon White House*, quotes Eagleburger as telling an American diplomat months later, after the crisis had passed, that he and Kissinger were "disgusted with pusillanimous politicians such as Nixon who talk tough but back down under pressure."

In fact, the Kissinger retaliation proposal, supported by Nixon, was vetoed by then secretary of state William Rogers and defence secretary Melvin Laird.

In the Kissinger State Department, Eagleburger served as under-secretary of state for management. A career foreign service officer, he spent the Carter years as ambassador to Yugoslavia, returning to a senior State Department post under another former Kissinger aide,

THE JOINT American-Caribbean invasion of Grenada is a turning point in international politics. For the first time since its intervention in the Dominican Republic several decades ago, the United States is showing a strong hand in South America in face of the Soviet aggression which is trying to strangle the U.S. For many decades, the American political paralysis has been permitting the USSR to plant terrorist and inhuman regimes in a vital part of the American hemisphere.

It was encouraged largely by the completely erroneous assessment of Soviet political intentions made by some of the Western political scientists advising Washington. The USSR planted totalitarian regimes in Cuba, Nicaragua and most recently on tiny Grenada. They are

KISSINGER'S LEGACY

By ALLAN E. SHAPIRO

Alexander Haig, in the Reagan administration.

ACCOMPANYING Eagleburger on his visit to Israel, along with the State Department Middle East chief, Robert Murphy, is a former Kissinger student and intimate personal aide, Peter Rodman, who has been described as Kissinger's personal scribe. Rodman once shared office space in the Executive Office Building with Nancy Maginios, the present Mrs. Henry Kissinger.

The make-up of the mission cannot help but focus attention on the remarks of the former mentor of Eagleburger and Rodman — Henry Kissinger — after the Beirut bombing. Kissinger called for a redress of the use of military force, with Israel as an instrument of American power, directed against the focus of Soviet influence in the area, Syria.

This is vintage Kissinger doctrine — translating the Beirut incident into a confrontation of American and Soviet power.

While President Reagan, in his recent address, repudiated the Kissinger allegation that the marines were in Lebanon because of Israel, he appears to have endorsed the Kissinger thesis that the Lebanese morass constitutes a great-power confrontation, with Syria in the role of the Soviet Union's surrogate. He

has also promised to punish the perpetrators of the Beirut attack.

THIS IS MORE than mere mood music. It represents a fixed one-dimensional orientation, in which every local conflagration is fitted, with whatever squeeze is necessary, into the superpower context.

This world-view was eagerly espoused by Menachem Begin, although Begin, a better actor than Reagan, was also capable of sharply reminding the U.S. of Israel's sovereign independence, as he did in his "banana republic" harangue, performed for the benefit of U.S. Ambassador Samuel Lewis.

Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir embraced the thesis of Soviet-Syrian complicity in the Beirut bombing even before Israeli intelligence had pinned the blame on a Syrian-oriented Shi'ite splinter militia.

Given Shamir's background, his simplistic translation of a local development into a super power context is probably more complete than that of Begin.

In view of the make-up of the Eagleburger mission and the tide of events, it is plausible that the U.S. under-secretary's position papers include a threat option and a win option, according to standard Kissingerian procedures.

Would Shamir go along? There is something disquieting in the con-

siderable effort that has been made to play down the importance of the visit.

THIS, OF COURSE, is speculation. But the Jordanian crisis of September 1970 is a matter of history. In Kissinger's first major Middle East adventure, King Hussein was prodded into armed suppression of the Palestinian terrorist organizations based in Jordan after a rash of airline hijackings had brought to a head the challenge to Hashemite authority.

Nixon and Kissinger, true to form, saw the Jordanian struggle in a global context, as a threat to a Western-oriented regime by Soviet-backed forces.

When Syrian tanks crossed into Jordan in support of the Palestinians, this was viewed as Soviet-sponsored intervention. Israel's then ambassador in the U.S., Yitzhak Rabin, was flown from New York to Washington during the night in a White House jet for top-level consultations, and a plan for an Israeli response to the Syrian move was quickly formulated.

This became unnecessary when Hussein's tiny air force neutralized the Syrian penetration. The Syrian Air Force, despite its putative superiority, did not intervene, and the then Syrian defence minister, Hafez Assad, reportedly tipped off the Jordanians that he would not oppose the Jordanian air strike.

A few months later Assad seized power in Syria, and he has remained in power ever since. He is probably as much a Soviet tool today as he was then. (It may be mentioned that Menachem Begin first appears in American intelligence files in a 1949 report, since published, where he is described as a possible Soviet agent).

THE DANGER of the present confrontation rhetoric is that it may

serve as the doctrinal cover for action in an area far more complex than the black and white of the great-power rivalry. In some military circles in Israel, one senses a belief in the inevitability of war with Syria. The prospect of an American umbrella would be a tempting inducement to precipitate action.

There is another element of danger: In 1970, Hussein had a good deal to lose from foreign intervention. For the Jemayels, there are fewer inhibitions. They have used foreign powers, including Israel, before and would not be averse to using them again if it could serve to expand their control of Lebanon, confined today to the environs of Beirut by the presence of Syrian power supporting rival factions.

They have easily acquired the lingo of the Soviet threat, although it was their support of Syrian intervention against the Palestinians that triggered the escalation of the Lebanese civil war.

Meanwhile, with the arrival of the Eagleburger mission, the shadow of Henry Kissinger has again been cast over the Middle East.

The party to launch Kissinger's must recent book of memoirs was held in the wing of the New York Metropolitan Museum of Art which houses a pharaonic temple, ardently transferred stone by stone from Aswan.

In the place of the Pharaoh, at the elevated temple entrance, stood Kissinger, receiving the congratulations of the assembled celebrities, who climbed the steps from the temple's base to shake his hand. It was a Kissingerian pose of epic proportions.

Today, one imagines him impatiently waiting to ease himself back into a lounge chair in Air Force One.

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Show of strength

By MIKHAIL AGURSKY

trying now to take over El Salvador as well.

A Soviet diplomat, Alexander Kaznacheyev, who in 1959 defected from the Soviet Embassy in Burma, has told how the Soviet intelligence detested naive, ideological Burmese left-wingers, and in fact secretly encouraged cynical pragmatists who were dreaming of power at any price.

The U.S. isolationist lobby by always obstructed any attempt to stop Soviet expansion even on America's own doorstep.

The secret of Soviet successes in

Latin America is not in the social crisis in this area. Fidel Castro quickly realized that he could achieve, and guarantee, absolute power only by transforming Cuba into a Soviet satellite.

He realized or, was persuaded, that contemporary Communism is no longer an ideological movement, but primarily a method by which an authoritarian personality can acquire absolute control over his society. Today, the international Communist system is a club of ruthless dictators and tyrants, especially in the Third World. No

liberal competitor could rely on international support; but any powerful hungry character knew the right address.

THANKS to the detente conceived by former president Jimmy Carter and his advisers, the USSR established a pattern of unpunished aggression in every corner of the world in its attempt to strangle what was left of the free world.

But the Soviet expropriation was achieved not through real physical power, but by means of blackmail and a worldwide disinformation campaign about its omnipotence and its stable political system.

For many observers, it was evident that the USSR was suffering from an acute crisis and was infected by many diseases. In fact it could not afford even its own expansion, and any other country un-

der its influence was an unbearable burden on its economy. Its demographic strength was also exhausted. That is why USSR President Yuri Andropov's original intention to stop Soviet expansion was a matter of expediency and political realism. Unfortunately, he seems to have failed: he was apparently unable to halt the suicidal progress of the Soviet golem.

No doubt the American political analysts now advising the Reagan administration realized the essential weakness of the USSR, whose 100,000-strong army, for example, has not been able, in four years, to suppress the resistance of almost unarmed Afghan guerrillas.

The discreditation of Soviet military technology in the Lebanon war and in the recent South Korean airlines incident could only strengthen the impression of Soviet military inferiority.

That is why one can say that the American invasion of Grenada is not only retaliation for the Soviet-inspired terrorist act against the U.S. Marines in Beirut but mainly a consequence of the Soviet adventure in the Far East.

But time is running out for the USSR in the Middle East as well. It is losing its chance to be a constructive factor in our area. What is still possible now will be too late tomorrow. It seems that the USSR is desperately trying to provoke Syria, which is apparently having second thoughts about its strategy of reliance on the Russians to back further adventures. The USSR stands to lose everything in the Middle East if it does not reconsider its policy immediately.

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READERS' LETTERS

AGUDAT YISRAEL

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — The falacy contained in Rabbi Carmel's letter of October 14 is that he equates anti-Agudat Yisrael feeling with anti-religious prejudice, carefully ignoring the fact that there is a substantial religious community which wants no truck with the Aguda.

It is unfortunately true that the majority of the population, including both religious and non-religious, regard the Aguda's posture towards the Jewish State as hypocritical, the price we pay to keep them in government as extortionate, and their yeshiva students "imbedded with a sense of the historic destiny of our people" (to quote Rabbi Carmel) as draft-dodgers.

Wearing black hats and shouting "Ivi anochi" is no substitute for real Torah ve'avoda. It is only fair to compare and contrast the students of the Yeshivat Hesder, where our young men not only learn Torah but make a positive contribution to the defence of our people (Agudat Yisrael included).

LEVI BOOKIN
Jerusalem.

NEWS IN ENGLISH

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — Among the Tel Aviv Sheraton's 70,000 check-ins per year, over 50,000 are English speakers, most of them business executives and tourists, but visiting journalists, TV crews and diplomats are an ever-growing number.

For all these visitors to Israel, the Sheraton has inaugurated a special news service. In the lobby of the hotel is a "Newscorner," in which a UPI newsprinter provides the news as it happens and at the same time as it reaches the press.

Sheraton General Manager Per Kjellstrom believes that, while filling an important gap, this service is not a substitute for an English-language news service on Israel TV. At present, most guests have little choice but to switch to the Jordanian news service in English, as they simply cannot follow the news in Hebrew, when there are no subtitles.

In an article on this topic by Philip Gillon on September 16, Mr. Kjellstrom felt that he was misquoted as saying that he found the Jordanian news unbiased. "Obviously," said Mr. Kjellstrom, "if this were the case, I would not be making the effort I am to supply my guests with English news and petitioning for an English news broadcast on Israeli TV."

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HAIFA MUSEUM

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — I think that the Haifa public should know that one of the nicest and most beautifully arranged museums in Haifa — the Music Museum — is about to be destroyed. In 20 years of hard work and great devotion, the curators have built up an educational and cultural collection that fits like a glove in the old Struck House and is admired by all who visit it.

On the pretext that all museums should be in one building, it is to be transferred to the main museum in Shabbetai Levi Street, where there

DOVE'S EYE VIEW

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — In your Readers Letters column of October 17, Mark Segal answers a Brooklyn correspondent by saying: "The view from Brooklyn might be a sight rosier than from close up."

A similar comment applies to Leon Hadar's report in the same issue. "A dove's eye view from America." It is easy for American Jews to recommend territorial compromise. Their lives do not depend upon the outcome.

Moreover, the questions were worded so as to encourage dovish answers, e.g. endorsing a homeland for Palestinians in the West Bank "so long as it does not threaten Israel," or for "credible guarantees of peace." How can such guarantees be assured? It is a contradiction in terms.

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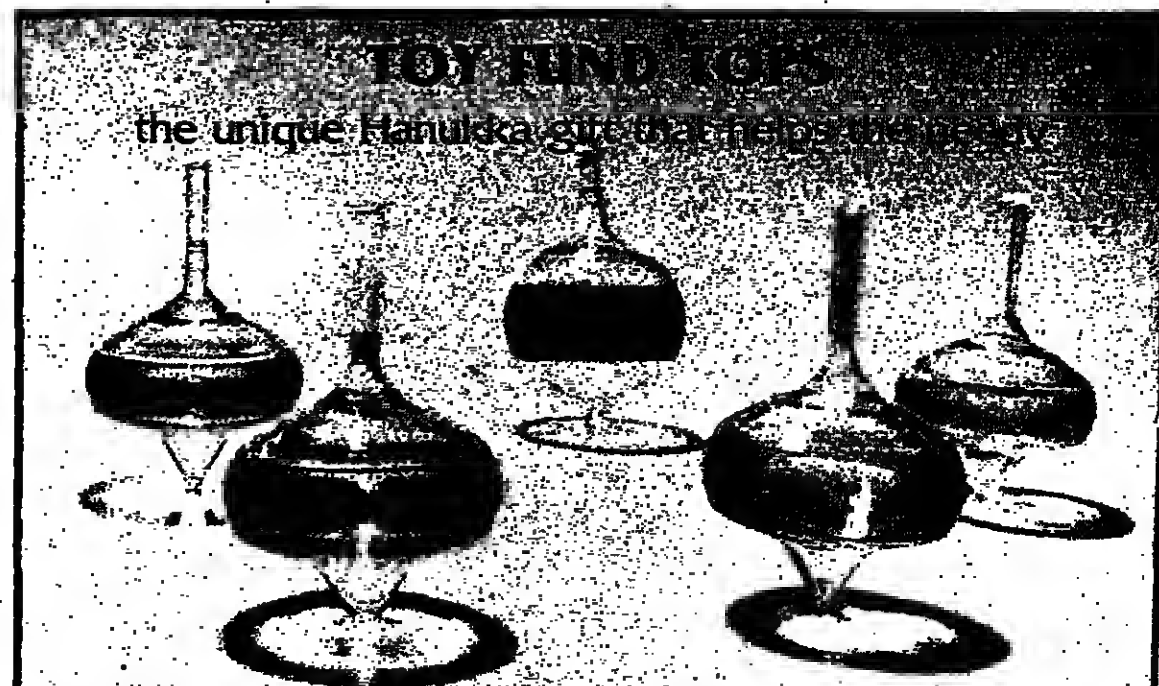
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